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No compromise on Article 370, 35A: Gupkar leaders

They say ahead of all-party meet called by Modi on June 24

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Striking a discordant note ahead of joining the all-party meet convened by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on June 24, the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) on Tuesday announced they will attend the meeting but there can be no compromise on Article 370 and 35A, which granted special status to the erstwhile State of Jammu & Kashmir.

The PAGD leaders, who assembled at the residence of Dr Farooq Abdullah, discussed the contours of the agenda of the June 24 conclave.

After the meeting was over, chairman of the PAGD alliance Dr Farooq Abdullah told reporters, "Mehbooba Mufti, Mohammad Yusuf Tarigami, and I will attend the all-party meeting called by the PM. We hope to keep our agenda before the PM and Home Minister".

Dr Abdullah said, "Our stand is clear and all of you know what our stand is. There is no need to repeat the same.



National Conference president Farooq Abdullah and PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti with other members during a media address after a meeting of People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD), in Srinagar, on Tuesday

Since New Delhi has invited the leaders individually, we have decided that all those invited will attend the meeting and put forth their points on J&K."

The chief spokesperson of the PAGD and CPI(M) leader Mohammad Yusuf Tarigami said they will not ask for moon during the meeting with the PM. "We will seek something that is ours and will remain

ours," he said.

Tarigami said they will go to Delhi and represent the people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. "We will put forth the aspirations of people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh in the meeting.

Whatever is possible within the Indian constitution is what we are going to seek. We will not put our signature on

their agenda, we will agree to the agenda which is in the interest of the people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh," said Tarigami.

PDP chief Mehbooba said during the meeting with the Prime Minister on Thursday, she will press for the restoration of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir which was "snatched away from us".

53L jabs day after record 86L

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day after India recorded a milestone of 86 lakh vaccination in a day, numbers slumped drastically on day two of the implementation of "revised guidelines for Covid-19 jab drive" with just around 53.4 lakh people vaccinated as per the Government data available till 10pm.

According to the Union Health Ministry, on the second day of the new phase of Covid-19 vaccination, more than 53.4 lakh vaccine doses were administered on Tuesday till 10 pm with Uttar Pradesh recording highest single-day vaccine coverage by administering 7.96 lakh doses.

Other States, like Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka, which reported a sharp surge in vaccination on

June 21, showed poor performance on Tuesday.

Since the launch of the nationwide vaccination drive, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal have administered first dose to more than 10 lakh beneficiaries of the age group 18-44 years, said a

statement from the Government.

Overall, more than 29.35 crore (29,35,04,820) vaccine doses have been provided to States/UTs so far, through the Centre Government of India (free of cost channel) and through direct state procurement category.

More than 2.14 crore (2,14,90,297) Covid vaccine doses are still available with the States/UTs to be administered

while more than 33,80,590 vaccine doses are in the pipeline and will be received by the States/UTs within the next 3 days, said the Government.



Covaxin shows 77.8% efficacy in phase 3 trials

New Delhi: Bharat Biotech's Covaxin has demonstrated 77.8% efficacy in phase 3 trials, reported ANI quoting sources. The Hyderabad-based firm had earlier submitted the trial data to the Subject Expert Committee (SEC) of the Indian drug regulator. The expert panel has approved the trial data, which was conducted on 25,800 subjects, as per reports.

Delta + prevalent in Maha, Kerala, MP but Covaxin, Covishield effective: Govt

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day after the WHO said the existing Covid-19 vaccines are showing reduced signs of efficacy against the Delta variant of coronavirus, the Government on Tuesday alerted that the Delta plus variant is prevalent in Maharashtra, Kerala and MP in India and 8 other countries.

However, it asserted that both Covishield and Covaxin are effective against the new mutation. It said it would shortly come out with the extent of their effectiveness.

As a precautionary measure, the Union Health Ministry has issued an advisory to the three State Governments to keep a vigil on the new mutated virus which is

said to be more virulent. Delta plus, also known as AY.1 variant or B.1.617.2.1, is considered to be the most dangerous variant of Covid-19.

Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said at a Press briefing here that India is among the nine countries where the Delta plus mutation of the coronavirus has been found so far.

However, he underlined that it is currently a "variant of interest" and has not yet been classified as a "variant of concern".

Of the 22 cases of Delta plus variant of the coronavirus detected in India, 16 have been detected in Maharashtra's Ratnagiri and Jalgaon while others are from parts of Kerala and Madhya Pradesh.

CAPSULE

NEPAL SC QUASHES 20 MINISTERS' APPOINTMENT
Kathmandu: In a major blow to beleaguered Nepal PM KP Sharma Oli, the Supreme Court ruled that the appointment of 20 Ministers by him was unconstitutional. **P8**

BJP MP SEEKS NUSRAT'S LS DISQUALIFICATION
Badaun: BJP's Badaun MP Sanghamitra Maurya has demanded disqualification of TMC MP Nusrat Jahan for allegedly giving a false affidavit over her marital status to Parliament.

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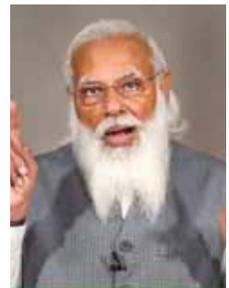
Centre-State 'bhagidari' helped States raise extra ₹1.06L cr in 2020-21: Modi

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The "successful Centre-State bhagidari," said the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday, has helped States raise an extra ₹1.06 lakh crore in 2020-21 and this, he said, happened despite the challenges thrown by Covid-19 pandemic. States were able to raise an extra ₹1.06 lakh crore in 2020-21 by implementing a set of reforms that allowed them to borrow more from the Centre, Modi said in a blog titled "Reforms by Conviction and Incentives".

He wrote in his blog that 23 States availed of additional borrowings of ₹1.06 lakh crore out of a potential ₹2.14 lakh crore. "This significant increase in availability of resources was made possible by an approach of Centre-State bhagidari," he wrote.

The Prime Minister said the Covid-19 pandemic has come with a whole new set of challenges to Governments



across the world in terms of policy-making. India is no exception. Raising enough resources for public welfare while ensuring sustainability is proving to be one of the biggest challenges, he said.

"In this backdrop of the financial crunch seen across the world, do you know that Indian States were able to borrow significantly more in 2020-21?" Modi sought to say.

"When we formulated our economic response to the

Covid-19 pandemic, we wanted to ensure that our solutions do not follow a 'one size fits all' model. For a federal country of continental dimensions, finding policy instruments at the national level to promote reforms by State Governments is indeed challenging. But, we had faith in the robustness of our federal polity and we moved ahead in the spirit of Centre-State bhagidari," Modi wrote detailing the said "bhagidari" and highlighted some paragraphs in his blog.

"In May 2020, as part of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat package, the Government of India announced that State Governments would be allowed enhanced borrowing for 2020-21. An extra 2 per cent of GSDP was allowed, of which 1 per cent was made conditional on the implementation of certain economic reforms," said the Prime Minister.

Modi said this nudge for reform is rare in Indian public finance.

SC refuses to interfere with Class XII assessment

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday refused to interfere with the assessment scheme propounded by both the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) for evaluation of Class 12 students, whose board examinations have been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The top court rejected the objections raised by a parents' body as well as students and said that it is not possible to have a second guess approach with regard to various aspects of the assessment scheme.

A special bench of Justices AM Khanwilkar and Dinesh Maheshwari said, "We accept the scheme as propounded by both the boards — CBSE and CISCE".

No more flash sales

Discount sales on e-commerce sites fine as it benefits consumers: Govt

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Putting aside apprehensions over the seasonal discount offers, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs on Tuesday made it clear that discount sales that benefit consumers will continue but flash sales that seek to exploit market would be hit under the proposed amendments to the Consumer Protection (e-commerce) Rules, 2020, on which the Government has sought public comments by July 6.

Ministry's Additional Secretary Nidhi Khare on Tuesday made it clear that the Ministry "will not regulate" the trade on e-commerce platforms.

And the e-commerce players need not be anxious about the proposed changes in the rules. "We will take action on fraudulent flash sales if we



receive any complaints or CCPA (Central Consumer Protection Authority) can take suo motu cognizance," she said.

Khare added that the Government will not seek disclosure of flash sales from e-commerce players to regulate the fraudulent sale of goods and services but will take appropriate action as per the law on consumer complaints. "We are not going to seek disclosure of flash sales. We are with sales that benefit maximum consumers. If someone wants to complain, there should at least be a provision," Khare said.

Jet Airways to take wing as NCLT clears resolution plan

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Mumbai Bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Tuesday approved the resolution plan of Kalrock Capital and entrepreneur Murari Lal Jalan to revive the grounded airline Jet Airways.

The NCLT has given 90 days to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) to allot slots to the airline.

The decision marks the first step in what could be the return of India's oldest and largest private airline. Following the NCLT's approval, shares of Jet Airways hit the 5 per cent upper circuit on the National Stock Exchange.

As per the NCLT order, the DGCA will take the final decision on the allotment of slots to the airline.

Captain wins trust of party, gets 6 months to fulfil poll promises

Cong panel not happy with open revolt by Sidhu

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

The Congress' three-member panel constituted to resolve the infighting in Punjab party unit on Tuesday gave Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh virtually six months to keep the promises his party made before the 2017 elections, that were not fulfilled during past four-and-a-half years.

The deadline came during his three-hour-long meeting with the panel, led by Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, Punjab party affairs in-charge Harish Rawat, and former MP JP Aggarwal.

At the same time, the panel



also took a strong note of party MLA and former Minister Navjot Singh Sidhu's "two families taking advantage in the State" remarks after "miffed" Chief Minister lodged a strong objection to such statements that too at a time when the efforts are on to resolve the issue.

In fact, senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was also not happy with the former cricketer's latest statements.

HC stays Lakshadweep order to remove beef from school kids' meal

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

In a serious setback for the Lakshadweep Administration, the Kerala High Court on Tuesday stayed till further orders the operation of two controversial orders issued by the UT on May 21.

Chief Justice Manikumar and Justice Shaji P Chali stayed the orders issued by the Lakshadweep Administration to shut down the dairy farms operated by the administration and to remove beef and related items from the noon meal served to children in the island schools.

Resident of one of the islands who filed a public interest litigation (PIL) had stated that order was passed with a malicious intention to change the food habits of the island inhabitants.



According to the petitioner, this was a prelude to the implementation of the proposed Animal Preservation (Regulation), 2021, which seeks to ban slaughter of cows and consumption of beef and beef products.

These orders had caused wide resentment in the islands that saw massive protests and en masse resignation from the Lakshadweep unit of the BJP.

It's not Third Front minus Cong: NCP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After two and half hours of confabulations among eight Opposition parties over the "need for preparing an alternate vision in the country", their leaders emerged to take great pains in refuting that it was a Third Front, it was a political grouping minus the Congress and its huddle was at the behest of NCP chief Sharad Pawar.

"It is being reported in the media that this meeting of Rashttra Manch was held by Sharad Pawar to unite anti-BJP political parties. This is totally incorrect. I want to clarify that this meeting took place at Pawar's residence but he didn't call this meeting," NCP leader Majeed Memon told the media after the meeting on Tuesday.

Former BJP leaders Yashwant Sinha and Shatrughan Sinha have founded the Rashttra Manch. Memon further said the



TMC leader Yashwant Sinha, NCP president Sharad Pawar and other leaders, in New Delhi, on Tuesday

perception that there is going to be a big Opposition group excluding the Congress is wrong. "It is being said that Pawar is taking a big political step and the Congress has been boycotted. This is incorrect.

There is no political exclusion. We have invited the leaders who subscribe to the ideology of Rashttra Manch in which leaders of all political parties could come. There is no political discrimination. I personally invited Congress members," Memon stressed.

Yogi breaks bread with deputy on maiden visit to Maurya's house

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ LUCKNOW

What could be better than lunch to call it a political truce? This exactly happened on Tuesday when Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath reached the house of Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya to have lunch. This was the first time Yogi had gone to a Minister's house in the last four and a half years.

The official explanation given was that he had gone to congratulate Maurya's son who got married recently, but in political circles this visit is seen as an attempt to scotch speculation that Yogi and Maurya are not on the same page.

Maurya's son Yogesh got married on May 22 amid Covid protocol. No leaders or Ministers from the Cabinet were invited



to that marriage. Yogi was accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Dr Dinesh Sharma, BJP's national general secretary organization BL Santosh, and RSS leader Krishna Gopal. Politically speaking through this meeting a message is being sent among the party leaders and the adversaries that all is well between Yogi and Maurya.

14K Covid tests in 2 days, 512 passengers test negative

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

As part of its plan to curb the impact of the third wave, East Singhbhum district administration has embarked on a two-day special drive for detection of Coronavirus positive cases across the district. Revealing about the special drive, district civil surgeon, AK Lal said that they have targeted to carry out 14,000 Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) during these two days across the district. "We have taken up this task to ensure that the impact of the next wave can be curbed. Health workers across the district have been given the task to carry out 7,000 RATs during these two days. As per the plans, 7,000 tests have to be carried out in Jamshedpur and as



many tests have to be done in the rural areas," said the civil surgeon. Lal said for the special drive which has been launched

following the instruction of East Singhbhum deputy commissioner, Suraj Kumar, 22 teams of the health officials were set up.

Lal pointed out that the pace of RAT had slowed down following the Coronavirus positive cases showed a declining trend in the district, but the dis-

trict administration decided to carry out such special drives on a regular basis in view of the pandemic's third wave. "The recent decline is a big relief for us. However, we do not want to give a letdown. Our focus is on three Ts Testing, Tracing and Treatment that led to controlling the prevailing situation. Moreover, the number of deaths due to COVID has also come down considerably during this period as only six persons died during the past 24 hours," said an official of the health department.

Meanwhile, passengers of all trains coming from outside the state are being subjected to Covid-19 tests at Tatanagar railway station. Apart from the Rapid Antigen Test, pas-

sengers who have a double dose certificate of vaccination are being sent out of the station after checking the certificate. During the last 48 hours, 512 people were tested in which all the people were found negative. Dr Rajeev Lochan Mahato, who is monitoring the Covid test team, urged the passengers that everyone must get the test done. On the spot, the team is appealing and counselling the passengers to get the Covid-19 test done. Dr Mahto said that infection can be avoided only with Covid-19 vaccine. People must get it done and motivate their family members to get vaccinated. The Covid investigation team included Kundan Kumar, Nageshwar Murm, Tapan Mandal, Sanjay Kumar Dubey etc.

IN BRIEF

TALKATHON HELD AT JBIT DOON

Dehradun : Talkathon 2021 was inaugurated at JBIT Dehradun on Tuesday with VMSB Uttarakhand Technical University and SDS Uttarakhand University vice chancellor PP Dhyani as the chief guest. Dhyani congratulated the institute for being made the nodal centre. Earlier, the institute's director AK Bansal welcomed the guests and participants. The institute's vice chairman Sandeep Singhal, registrar Vishant Kumar and others were also present on the occasion.

Septuagenarian, his daughter-in-law die of electrocution

PANKAJ KUMAR ■ DHANBAD:

In a bizarre incident a septuagenarian and his daughter-in-law died on Tuesday morning due to electrocution, while the father-in-law attempted to save his son's wife who happens to be mother of three kids. The incident took place at Pashi Dhora locality under Putki police station early today. The deceased have been identified as 70-year-old Chamur Pasi and 35 year old Guria Devi got electrocuted while Guria was attempting to remove the TV set that was kept on a steel trunk to take out something. The main line of the house was passing near the trunk and probably due to continuous rains current was flowing in the

trunk. Seeing the condition of Guria, Chamur attempted to pull her but unfortunately himself also got electrocuted and died. His son Prakash resides in Chennai where works as a contract labour in a firm. Police from Putki police station reached on spot owing to the incident and took possession of both bodies and sent them for postmortem. OC of the Putki police station said, Prakash has been informed of the incident and has been asked to return to Dhanbad at the earliest. Police entered the house only when a shutdown was taken for the entire area. Meanwhile, neighbours have been asked to look after the kids till their father returns.

Promoting creative skills among hearing impaired

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

Taking part in creative activities can help the hearing impaired community to feel more confident and learn new skills. With this aim, La Gravitae, a DeafCafe at Jamshedpur that employs deaf, hard of hearing and orphan boys and girls is all set for the new edition of KhamoSheWithLife. It is the only annual event by startup in India which empowers and gives an opportunity to deaf community to show their skill in diverse fields.

The contest has invited a two minutes video from deaf community around the globe showing their creative skill in what they can do for society/environment during Covid19 lockdown. For society, it could be helping elderly in their task, assisting children, supporting other PwDs, teaching YOGA and so on. For the environment, it could be spreading awareness on saving water/no honking, making others learn the importance of living garbage free. The event will be held on Twitter Handle



@LaGravitae. The results will be organised on July 28. The brain behind the event Avinash Dugar said: "The contest is an opportunity to stay positive utilising your time and energy so that PwDs don't suffer from mental health issues during the pandemic and win some cash prize in return. KhamoSheWithLife 4.0 in 2020 which was held online on the Facebook Page of La Gravitae had a participation of

111 deaf girls from 5 countries viz., India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Kenya, South Africa. This year too the participation is overwhelming. La Gravitae in posh Circuit House Area has employed waitresses and cooks, all sourced from Sonari's Bal Vihar, an institution that works with the hearing impaired. Apart from serving breakfast, lunch and drinks, the most unique feature about the cafeteria is their initiative to

empower women with hearing impaired. "I always had a passion to start my own venture. Moreover, I want to serve the society in every way possible. I resigned from the corporate world and started my own tea vending kiosk. I had a popular tea kiosk near Sacred Heart Convent School, where one morning a hearing impaired girl came with her brother," recounted Dugar. La Gravitae is the most sought after cafe famous for its more than 100 international varieties of tea. Green, white, organic, ice, flavoured, herbal, blooming - you name it and you will get it at.

13 tractors with sand seized near Jainamore in Bermo

PNS ■ BERMO

A team of civil SDO Tenugath Ananth Kumar and police officials carried out a raid against illegal mining on the Damodar river bed and seized 13 tractors loaded with sand, on NH-320 near Jainamore here on Tuesday morning but the miscreants managed to escape.

According to officials, the raid was conducted at Jainamore under Jaridih police station in Bokaro district on Tuesday morning after locals complained that a group from Bokaro and Jainamore was illegally mining sand on the river bed. The team seized 13 tractors loaded with sand but the miscreants managed to cross the village and flee to unknown places, the officials said.

The Civil SDO said that on the instructions of the National Green Tribunal (NGT), there is a ban on sand mining in the entire district till the next October 15, 2021. Police sources said that four tractors carrying illegal sand on

There is a ban on sand mining in the entire district till the October 15, 2021, said the Civil SDO

NH- 320 were confiscated by Sub-Divisional Officer Bermo, Tenugath Ananth Kumar. All the tractors have been handed over to the local police station and also informed to the District Mining Officer and District Transport Officer about the above matter for further action. On the instructions of Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Singh, necessary instructions have been given to all the concerned BDOs/COs, Panchayat Sevaks etc. This ban is in effect from June 10. The local administration is trying to ensure 100 per cent compliance of this instruction on the sand ghats of the sub-division.

RDDH takes charge, appeals for vaccination



PNS ■ DALTONGANJ

The Regional Deputy Director Health John F Kennedy had a bad taste of the coronavirus infection, said his wife Neelu Mishra. She said Kennedy had high infected lungs and was hospitalised in Patna where he remained in bed for many weeks.

Kennedy made a slow but spectacular recovery but had a different and knocking down text reaching him when he was in the bed in Patna. Kennedy said, "There came an obituary of me. My family told me when I was in the hospital." He said he was in such a precarious condition then where any reaction to obituary was something unthinkable. However, he added he knew he would be on the road to recovery following the obituary.

Kennedy in a philosophical tone said, "You speak 'ill' of the sick and the sick bounces to life."

Kennedy recovered, became medically fit and reached Daltonganj from Patna and started working as the regional deputy director health Palamu.

He did two things here on his first day in the office of the

RDDH on Monday. He campaigned for vaccination asking all the eligible that he is here because of his two doses of the vaccine. Kennedy asked the eligible not to delay or linger their first dose or the second dose of the vaccine. And the second thing that he did was he showed no malice to any one not to even the fellow who had forwarded the obituary text to his family.

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(LC No. 00002905 of Haldwani Branch) Sudhir Prasad Ratturi (Borrower) Samrita S (Co Borrower 1)	12-05-2021 / ₹ 1283197/- (₹ Twelve lakh Eighty Three Thousand One Hundred Ninety Seven) NPA (10-04-2020)	Part Of Gaha No 1418 (new Gaha No 9171) Ground Floor Flat Village Mukhan Haldwani Uttarakhand - 253139
(LC No. 00004456 of Haldwani Branch) Narendra Kumar (Borrower) Vishambar Singh (Co Borrower 1)	17-05-2021 / ₹ 126999/- (₹ Twelve lakh Sixty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Nine) NPA (11-03-2021)	Part Of Khasra No 142 Min Village Neegara Kathpur Udhamsinghnagar Uttarakhand - 244713
(LC No. 00004038 of Haldwani Branch) Saroj Devi (Borrower) Satis Kumar Pandey (Co Borrower 1)	17-05-2021 / ₹ 1246877/- (₹ Twelve lakh Forty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Seven) NPA (10-12-2020)	Pvt Plot No 62 Part Of Khas No 28 Min Vll-Pachwadon Rudra Vihar Colony Teh- Vikhra Dist- Us Nagar Rudrapur Uttarakhand - 249402
(LC No. 00001220 of Hardwar Branch) Dhiraj Katheria (Borrower) Yogita Wo Dhiraj Katheria (Co Borrower 1)	17-05-2021 / ₹ 1212638/- (₹ Twelve lakh Twenty Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Eight) NPA (11-03-2021)	Part Of Kh No 531 Vll Mohanpura, Mohanmadpur Pargana & Teh. Roorkee Hardwar Uttarakhand - 247666
(LC No. 00007332 of Dehradun Branch) Waseem Khan (Borrower) Shabnam S (Co Borrower 1)	12-05-2021 / ₹ 1192531/- (₹ Eleven lakh Sixty Two Thousand Five Hundred Thirty One) NPA (11-03-2021)	Khasa No 1643 Khas No 137 Min New Khasa No 622 Mauza Adhawal pargana Pansu Door Dehradun Uttarakhand - 248001
(LC No. 00002126 of Haldwani Branch) Hemchandra Tiwari (Borrower) Gyanit Tiwari (Co Borrower 1)	17-05-2021 / ₹ 1156257/- (₹ Eleven lakh Fifty Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Seven) NPA (10-12-2020)	Khasra No 165 Ka Ma. Pvt Plot No 224-a Village Vijay Nagar Gaganpur Nagar Colony Rudrapur Udhamsinghnagar Uttarakhand - 251553
(LC No. 00008268 of Dehradun Branch) Preetam Singh (Borrower) Rashmi R (Co Borrower 1) malkan Singh (Co Borrower 2)	12-05-2021 / ₹ 1141270/- (₹ Eleven lakh Forty One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy) NPA (09-02-2021)	Khasra No 101694 Mauza East Hope Town Pargana pachwadon Dehradun Uttarakhand - 248001
(LC No. 0000914 of Dehradun Branch) Anil Kumar Chauhan (Borrower) Kusum Chauhan (Co Borrower 1)	12-05-2021 / ₹ 1129292/- (₹ Eleven lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Two) NPA (09-01-2021)	Khasra No 1599 A 1525 Sabotat At Village Salarpur Rajpootan Pargana Bhopwar Hardwar Uttarakhand - 249401
(LC No. 00008902 of Dehradun Branch) Shiv Charan (Borrower) Kishan Singh (Co Borrower 1)	17-05-2021 / ₹ 1109117/- (₹ Eleven lakh Nine Thousand One Hundred Seventeen) NPA (10-03-2020)	Khasra No 696 Khasa No 53 Mauza Mehawala Khasa Pargana Pachwadon Dehradun Uttarakhand - 248001
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171 new Covid cases, 8 deaths in U'khand

Record number of beneficiaries vaccinated on Tuesday

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The state health department reported 171 new cases and eight deaths from Covid 19 in Uttarakhand on Tuesday.

The cumulative count of patients in the state has now increased to 3,38,978 while the death toll from the disease has climbed to 7052. A total of 3,23,225 patients have so far recovered from the disease in Uttarakhand. The recovery percentage from the disease is now at 95.35 and the sample positivity rate is at 6.35 percent in the state.

Out of the eight deaths from the disease reported on Tuesday, three occurred at Mahant Indresh hospital Dehradun while two patients were reported dead at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Rishikesh.

Dehradun district reported 70, Almora 23, Champawat 17, Nainital 13 and Haridwar 11 new cases of Covid-19 on

Tuesday. All the remaining eight districts of the state reported less than ten cases on the day.

The state now has 2,896 active patients of the disease. Dehradun district is at top of the table in the list of active cases with 576 cases while Haridwar is in second position with 291 active cases. Pithoragarh has 349, Nainital 233, Bageshwar 207, Almora 189, Pauri 182, Tehri 160, Champawat 128, Rudrapur 124, Uttarkashi 123, Chamoli 120 and Udham Singh Nagar 114 active cases of the disease.

The state reported eight new cases of Mucormycosis (Black fungus) on Tuesday after which it now has 465 patients of the disease. Death of one patient from Black Fungus was reported on the day. A total of 82 patients have so far died from this disease while 65 have recovered.

In the vaccination drive a record 1,23,225 people were vaccinated in 896 sessions held on the day. A total of 7,41,621 people have been fully vaccinated while 30,47,768 people have been partially vaccinated in the state.

'Antibody cocktail therapy' of Covid patients at AIIMS-R

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Rishikesh has started the antibody cocktail therapy to treat the Covid-19 patients. The doctors of the institute have so far treated six patients with this therapy. The director of AIIMS Rishikesh, Dr Ravikant said that the therapy involves mixture of two medicines.

"The antibody drug cocktail copies the ability of the immune system to fight the corona virus and this cocktail prevents the virus from entering the cells of the human body. Apart from this, its use also increases immunity," he said.

The nodal officer, Covid-19, Dr P K Panda said that this therapy can be given to the patients who are above 12 years of age and are more than 40 kg in weight.

"High-risk Covid patients who are suffering from kidney,



liver disease, blood cancer, asthma or respiratory disease are particularly benefited by this therapy. So far six Covid patients from different states have been treated with this therapy. Among them is a 70

year old man," he said. Assistant Professor, Department of CFM, Dr Yogesh Bahurupi said that the antibody cocktail vial is made by combining two antibodies, Casirivimab and Imdevimab.

No constitutional crisis, CM will contest & win poll: Kaushik

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Responding to Congress statement that chief minister Tirath Singh Rawat would have to be changed, the Bharatiya Janata Party state president Madan Kaushik reiterated on Tuesday that there is no constitutional crisis. He averred that there is no substance in the "confusion" being spread by the Congress regarding the chief minister's election to the Vidhan Sabha, adding that this was a result of the Congress' desperation. In response to the Congress citing section 151 A of Representation of the People Act, Kaushik cited Article 164 of the Indian Constitution. He said, "In the paragraph four of Article 164, it is clearly stated that any minister who is not a member of the state's legislature for six

months will have to contest election within six months and if this does not happen then the minister will not remain a member. The day when Tirath Singh Rawat took oath as the chief minister, more than one year was left for the Assembly election which is why this instance does not come under section 151. Six months have not passed yet and seats are also vacant. The election commission is responsible for holding the election and this should be done without delay."

The BJP state president further said that Rawat had been formally administered the oath of office by the governor. The elections have to be contested under the same constitution as per which the oath of office was administered. Those expressing doubts citing section 151 should also study

Article 164. Kaushik opined that the Congress is affected by its defeat in the Salt Assembly by-election which it had termed the semi-finals to the 2022 Assembly polls. The BJP is fully prepared and will announce its election coordinators after a few days. The party has made all preparations at the organisational level and the Congress will have to face a major defeat, claimed Kaushik.

It will be recalled that the Congress in Uttarakhand has stated that section 151 A of Representation of the People Act clearly mentions that a by-election cannot be held if the remaining term of the Assembly is less than one year which means that the election commission cannot conduct a by-election in Uttarakhand now.

State Govt yet to name new SCPCR head after end of chief's term

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Even though the tenure of the incumbent SCPCR chairperson Usha Negi ended last month, the Uttarakhand Government has not appointed any new head of the commission. Negi was appointed as the chairperson of the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR) in May, 2018 and her tenure ended on May 21 this year. The official sources revealed that as per the rules, the position of the chairperson of SCPCR has to be filled within 24 hours after the tenure of the former position holder ends. However, the State Government has not nominated anyone to the position so far,

as per the sources. According to them, the government has the option to either appoint a new chairperson or extend the tenure of Negi on the basis of her performance in the last three years.

Talking about this, Negi said that she has been getting calls from various media persons and people regarding various complaints and issues associated with children but she was unable to issue any written orders as her tenure as the SCPCR chairperson ended on May 21. "I am doing my best to resolve the complaints of the issues I receive on a daily basis. However I do not hold any authority anymore to issue orders in the name of the com-

mission," informed Negi. She further said that she hopes the government fills this position soon as these are critical times, especially for children of the State and there are issues that need immediate attention of SCPCR. On being asked about whether the State Government would extend her tenure as the SCPCR head, Negi said, "I have no idea about the government's decision on this matter but I hope that the government fills this position soon for the welfare of children considering the current serious conditions." She added that whether her tenure is extended or not, she would continue to work for the welfare of Uttarakhand's children.

Complete Rishikesh-Karnprayag rail project on time, says CM



PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Chief minister Tirath Singh Rawat directed officials of the Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) to expedite work on the ambitious Rishikesh-Karnprayag rail line project. He said that the rail line construction which is slated to be completed by 2024 should be completed on time.

The chief minister said this while chairing a meeting to review progress in the project here on Tuesday.

Addressing the officials, Rawat said that all the required assistance needed from the state government

will be provided to expedite work on the project.

The RVNL chief project manager Himanshu Badoni informed that 12 stations and 17 tunnels are being constructed on the 125 kilometre Rishikesh-Karnprayag rail line.

The construction of 12 kilometres of approach road to 10 work sites has been completed to speed up the work on the main tunnels.

Work on six out of seven edit tunnels has also been completed. He further informed that 18 large and 36 small bridges are being constructed in this project. The

construction of Chandrabhaga bridge has been completed while work on the remaining bridges is underway. The target has been set to complete their construction by March 2024.

In addition to this the RVNL is also constructing a hospital building in Srinagar, toilet block at Haridwar railway station, road bridge at Gauchar and Kaleshwar and a stadium at Srikot in Srinagar, he added.

The CM's chief advisor Shatrughna Singh, secretary R Meenakshi Sundaram and other officials were also present in the meeting.

Work towards making transport corporation debt free, says Arya

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Transport and Social Welfare minister Yashpal Arya has directed the officials of transport department to undertake every possible measure for making the Uttarakhand Transport Corporation (UTC) debt free.

He was addressing a review meeting of the department at Vidhan Sabha auditorium on Tuesday. He emphasized on collective efforts to increase the income and a cut on expenditures of the corporation so that salaries can be paid on time.

On a terse note the minister expressed his displeasure on lack of proper advocacy on the part of the department for the assets which are to be transferred from the Uttar Pradesh Transport Corporation to the UTC.

He said that the dispute on transfer of assets between UP and Uttarakhand should be solved with mutual coordination and talks. He said that the process of auction of the scrap in the UTC should be completed in time.

The minister expressed his strong disapproval of the tendency to take loans and

directed the officers to improve operations, strict action on ticket-less travel and taking the austerity measures to reduce the expenditure. In one such measure he said that the process of installing CNG kits in the buses of UTC should be expedited.

He also asked the department to prepare a working plan to pay back the Rs 175 Crore bank loan of the UTC. Arya said that the structure of the department should be reconstituted so that optimum utilization of the potential of the employees is made. In the meeting the minister was told that a sum of Rs two Crore is required to transfer the old workshop of UTC from Haridwar road to the new place at Transport Nagar. The construction work on the new workshop would be completed in six months. The minister directed the secretary Transport to release the sum for the new workshop without any delay.

The meeting was attended by Transport secretary Ranjit Sinha, additional secretary Anand Srivastava, Transport MD Abhishek Rautela, UTC GM Deepak Jain and others.

CM flags off five more e-buses in Dehradun



PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Chief Minister Tirath Singh Rawat flagged off five electric buses to be operated under the smart city project on the Raipur-Selaqui route here on Tuesday. The CM also inaugurated smart toilet on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the CM said that the operation of these electric buses will enable convenient transport for the public while not causing pollution. He appreciated the various features of the electric buses.

Dehradun Smart City Limited chief executive officer

Ashish Kumar Srivastava informed that with a fully charged battery, each of these electric buses can run for 180 kilometres.

The buses have CCTV cameras, automatic transmission, GPS, fire extinguishers, regeneration system and various facilities for the convenience and safety of the passengers. Urban Development minister Banshidhar Bhagat, MP Mala Rajya Laxmi Shah, Dehradun mayor Sunil Uniyal 'Gama', MLAs Harbans Kapoor, SS Pundir, Khajan Das and Umesh Sharma 'Kau' were also present on the occasion.

Cong condemns Minister's largesse for BJP workers

Maharaaz had assured Govt contracts to BJP workers: Cong

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president Pritam Singh has taken a strong exception to the recent statement of cabinet minister Satpal Maharaz in which he had promised contracts to BJP workers in his department. He said that the statement of the minister has exposed the mindset of the BJP. The PCC president said that the minister in his endeavor to assuage the hurt sentiments of the party workers had promised that the department would reduce the size of contracts so that party workers are awarded contracts. "This is nothing less than offering a bribe to the disgruntled party workers ahead of the assembly elections. The statement of the minister is very unfortunate," he said.

The Congress leader questioned that when the contracts would be awarded to BJP workers then what is the need to float tenders?

Launching an attack on the BJP government of Uttarakhand the PCC president said that in last four and half years it has acted in a partisan manner. He said that the unemployment rate which was at 1.30 percent during the Congress rule has increased to 11 percent in Uttarakhand. "It would have been better had the minister talked about ways of generating employment and policies. The statement of Maharaz is like rubbing salt on the wounds of the unemployed youth," he said.

The PCC president added that the statement of the minister indicate that the BJP leadership has understood that a big defeat in the assembly elections of 2022 is staring at its face.

Pritam Singh also questioned the statement of Maharaz in which he had talked about an international airport in Haridwar. He said that the double engine government of the Uttarakhand don't has the money to pay for the salaries of its employees and its ministers are making castles in the air to impress the people of the state. The PCC president also took a dig at lack of coordination among the ministers of Tirath Singh Rawat's cabinet.

Panchayati Raj dept gears up for audit of Village Panchayats

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Panchayati Raj department of Uttarakhand has taken a target of 100 percent online audit of village Panchayats for the financial year 2020-21 till October this year. The Panchayati Raj secretary, H C Semwal said that the Union minister for Panchayati Raj, Narendra Singh Tomar took a review of the process of online audit of Village Panchayats on Tuesday. He said that the audit examination of budget allocated to Panchayats by the government of India is being done by online audit. Under it a target of audit of 20 percent village Panchayats for the FY 2019-20 has been taken while for the FY 2020-21, audit of all the village Panchayats would be done. Semwal said that the process of audit of Panchayats by listed CA firms by the department of finance is going on.

It is pertinent to mention here that there is a provision of cessation of grants from the Central Finance Commission and other bodies in case the state fails to conduct audit of 20 percent of the village Panchayats.

The review meeting of the minister was attended by officials of Panchayati Raj department and officers of state audit department.

Transport department to issue green cards after Cabinet's decision

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Uttarakhand Transport Department is preparing to commence the online application process to issue green cards to the commercial drivers for Char Dham Yatra. The department has already prepared new software to provide this online service and even successfully completed the trial run about two months ago. Earlier, the department had planned to start the application process by the end of April but it was postponed after the postponement of Char Dham Yatra due to the huge surge in Covid-19 positive cases.

Though the State Government has allowed Char Dham Yatra for locals of three districts which are Uttarkashi, Rudrapur and Chamoli from July 1 and for others in the State from July 11, the transport department has not commenced the application process for green cards. Responding to this, Transport secretary Ranjit Kumar Sinha said that the department is preparing to start the online application system for green cards but its starting date is not fixed.

State Government would possibly take the final decision in the matter of Char Dham Yatra by the end of this week

He informed that once the cabinet here decides that Char Dham Yatra would commence properly and make everything clear regarding the matter, the department would only then start the online application process to issue green cards. Officials also informed that the State Government would possibly take the final decision in the matter of Char Dham Yatra by the end of this week.

It is pertinent to mention here that the commercial drivers of up to 10 seater vehicles will get auto-approval through the online application process for the green card after providing the required details and online fee submission. However, the drivers of commercial vehicles of more than 10 seats would have to bring their vehicle for the fitness test in the transport office to get the green card after applying online.

Edu dept unveils award plan for U'khand board students

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The education department of Uttarakhand has come up with the much awaited formula on the basis of which marks would be awarded to the students of class X and XII of Uttarakhand board. In a meeting of the department chaired by the education minister Arvind Pandey on Tuesday it was decided that the students of class XII would be awarded marks on the basis of a formulae according to which 50 percent marks would be given on the basis of class X marks while the weightage of class XI marks and monthly tests/ pre boards would be 40 and 10 percent respectively. Similarly the students of class X would be given 75 percent marks on the basis of class IX result while 25 percent marks would be awarded on the basis of monthly tests or pre board of class X.

The board examinations of the Uttarakhand Vidyalayi Shiksha Parishad (UVSP) were cancelled this year to prevent students from the contagion of the Covid-19.

Tree saves accident victim from worse fate



PNS ■ NAINITAL

A former ward member had a lucky escape when a tree stopped his car from falling further down the road during an accident. The former Krishnapur ward member in Nainital, Deep Narayan Bisht was travelling in a Santro car when trying to dodge another car, it fell about 150 feet down the hillside off the road.

The car was brought to a stop by a tree which saved the former ward member's life. The locals informed the police who reached the site. The police with the help of locals, extracted Bisht from the damaged car held by the tree. According to the police, Bisht had not sustained any major injuries. He was sent to the BD Pande hospital for medical attention.

Schools to reopen after maximum people get jab: Govt



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Anticipating a third Covid-19 wave in October, the Government on Tuesday said that schools, shut since March last year due to the pandemic, will only re-open once a significant portion of the population has been vaccinated against coronavirus.

The Government had last week also cancelled CBSE and ICSE exams for Class 10 and 12. An alternative marking system has been proposed, amended with suggestions from parents and students, and accepted by the Supreme Court.

"Schools require teachers and children to sit together. It gives the virus an opportunity to spread. We can only have this (re-opening of schools) when a large part of the population is protected," Dr VK Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog, said at a press conference on Tuesday here.

"Until it (the spread of the virus) is predictable it is hard to re-open," he said.

Dr Paul also warned against re-opening schools because of the declining trend in daily new cases, saying:

"The lull right now is because of restrictions. When they are removed cases may spike."

The re-opening of schools, colleges and other places of education will "always be under active consideration... but the overall guidance is to be cautious", he added.

Some states like Telangana have said they will re-open schools and colleges from July 1. Others, like Delhi and Kerala, have said they will continue with virtual classes for now.

"We should also remember that in many countries schools reopened then outbreaks were reported and they had to shut them down again. We don't want to put our children and teachers in that situation unless we have more confidence that the pandemic won't harm us," the government has been saying in the past few days.

The government has said next month's sero survey will include 14,000 kids over the age of six.

In a recently released sero-survey by the AIIMS, the seroprevalence, presence of virus-fighting antibodies

Covaxin shows 77.8 % efficacy in phase III trials

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Bharat Biotech's Covaxin has shown 77.8 per cent efficacy in Phase III trials, according to sources in the Government's panel of experts which has reviewed the phase 3 clinical trial data of the country's indigenous Covid-19 jab. The phase 3 data will now be reviewed by the top drug regulator, Directorate of Controller General of India (DCGI).

The data will also be reviewed by the World Health Organization (WHO) on 23 June for approval. Once approved by WHO, India will be able to export Covaxin to many developed countries like the UK and the US.

The trial was conducted on 25,800 subjects, and the data submitted to the Subject Expert Committee (SEC) showed the vaccine was "well-tolerated". Covaxin had received emergency use approval (EUA) by the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) in January 2021, and has been used to vaccinate the population since. However,



the WHO is yet to give it EUA approval, restricting its export to many developed countries like the US and the UK.

"According to the data submitted, Covaxin has shown 77.8 per cent efficacy in the last stage trials conducted on 25,800 subjects. It is almost the same as the interim efficacy," a member of the SEC on the condition of anonymity said. "The data shows the vaccine was well-tolerated."

The SEC, however, did not discuss changing the status of the vaccine from emergency use to full licensure, which means regular approval or marketing authorisation of the vaccine under normal circumstances, the sources said.

A panel of independent experts, SECI advises the DCGI on applications seeking approvals for new drugs, vaccines and clinical trials. Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech had submitted the data to DCGI over the weekend.

In March, Bharat Biotech had announced an interim efficacy of 81 per cent from the trial, where participants received vaccine or placebo in a 1:1 ratio.

The company had then said the clinical trial will continue through to final analysis, to gather more data and to further evaluate the efficacy of Covaxin. The final data is known to be more accurate and reliable.

Besides Covaxin, Covishield, developed by AstraZeneca and manufactured locally by Serum Institute of India and Russia's Sputnik V are the other two vaccines being currently used in India.

Children below 18 have not yet been cleared to receive a Covid vaccine, although Bharat Biotech has begun trials for 2-18 year old candidates with Covaxin.

7 who took AstraZeneca shots in Kerala develop rare neurological disorder

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Seven persons—seven from Kerala in India and four from the UK—who received the AstraZeneca-Oxford Covid-19 vaccine, have developed a rare neurological disorder called Guillain-Barre syndrome, clinicians in India and England have reported in two separate studies.

The studies, published in the peer-reviewed medical journal *Annals of Neurology*, described an unusual variant of Guillain-Barre syndrome characterised by prominent facial weakness.

All the 11 cases were among people who had received that vaccine 10-22 days earlier. Seven cases were reported from a regional medical center in Kerala, India, where approximately 1.2 million people were vaccinated with the AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine till April 22.

The cases occurred within two weeks of the first dose of vaccination. "Six out of the seven patients progressed to areflexic quadriplegia and required mechanical ventilatory support," said Bobby Varkey Maramattom, from the Department of Neurology, Aster Medcity, Kochi, Kerala.

"The frequency of GBS was 1.4 to 10 fold higher than that expected in this period for a population of this magnitude. In addition, the fre-



Four cases were reported from Nottingham, England, in which approximately 7 lakh people received the same vaccine

quency of bilateral facial weakness, which typically occurs in less than 20 percent of GBS cases, suggests a pattern associated with the vaccination," he added.

Four cases were reported from Nottingham, England, in which approximately 700,000 people received the same vaccine. These were characterised by bifacial weakness with a paraesthesia variant of GBS occurring within three weeks of vaccination with the Oxford-AstraZeneca SARS-CoV-2

vaccine.

"This rare neurological syndrome has previously been reported in association with SARS-CoV-2 infection itself. Our cases were given either intravenous immunoglobulin, oral steroids, or no treatment," said Jonathan Rhys Evans, Department of Neurology, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust, UK.

"If the link is causal it could be due to a cross-reactive immune response to the peripheral immune system," wrote the authors of the report from England.

"We suggest vigilance for cases of bifacial weakness with paraesthesia variant GBS following vaccination for SARS-CoV-2 and that post-vaccination surveillance programmes ensure robust data capture of this outcome, to assess for causality," Evans said.

Be prepared for imminent 3rd wave: Rahul to Centre



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday warned the Government of an imminent third wave of the coronavirus pandemic and urged the Centre to prepare for it. But not before hitting out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who, he charged, was busy with West Bengal polls when many died due to lack of oxygen.

"The whole country knows that a third wave will strike," Rahul said at a virtual Press conference during which he also released a "white paper" on the pandemic.

Rahul said the aim of this white paper on Covid-19 is not finger-pointing at the government but to help the nation prepare for the third wave of infection.

However, he criticised Modi for conducting election rallies for Assembly polls amid the second wave of coronavirus.

"In the second wave, many died needless deaths. We couldn't provide them oxygen cylinders. Prime Minister's tears cannot wipe the tears of families who lost family members. His tears cannot save them, oxygen can. But he did not take it seriously as his focus was on Bengal," Rahul said.

He also said that the government's management of the first two waves of the pandemic was "disastrous", adding

BJP: 'Gyani Baba' dishing out 'pearls of wisdom to PM'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Giving a riposte to the Congress white paper on Covid-19 management, the BJP on Tuesday took a sharp jibe at Rahul Gandhi saying the 'Gyani Baba' dishing out 'pearls of wisdom' to the Prime Minister should introspect why Congress-ruled States caused the second wave of coronavirus, why they didn't accept vaccines initially and also share the actual count of deaths?

"State with the highest case fatality rate - Congress ruled state. States with maximum noise against vaccines creating vaccine hesitancy - Congress ruled states. States which had an astronomical positivity rate during the second wave - Congress ruled states", the Minister alleged.

She also said that it was the Congress-ruled states that demanded decentralisation of vaccine procurement and later did a "U-turn".

"Who demanded decentralization & then did a u-turn? - Congress. Which states did the worst in terms of vaccination yesterday even as the country created a world record? - Congress ruled states. It is darkness under the lamp," she said.

Making another attack on the Congress after Rahul released the white paper, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra the opposition party of twisting India's fight against Covid19.

that his intention was to provide the government "information and insights on what went wrong".

The Congress MP suggested the ramping up of health infrastructure in the country as the Government was "not ready" during the first two waves of the pandemic.

Judge recuses himself from hearing Narada case



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After Justice Indira Banerjee's recusal from hearing West Bengal post election violence cases, another judge from the State Justice Aniruddha Bose recused himself from the politically sensitive Narada case on Tuesday.

Later, the Supreme Court's new Bench comprising Justices Vineet Saran and Dinesh Maheswari decided to hear on June 25 the appeals of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and the state Law Minister Moloy Ghatak against the June 9 order of the Calcutta High Court which had refused to take on record their affidavits on the CBI's transfer plea related to the Narada scam case.

The appeals, initially listed before a vacation bench of Justices Hemant Gupta and Aniruddha Bose, were referred to another bench by Chief Justice N V Ramana during the day itself after Justice Bose recused from the hearing without citing any reason. The bench of Vineet Saran and Dinesh Maheswari, to which the cases were referred, took up the matter in the afternoon. Justice Saran said that the matters are fresh for the bench and

they needed to go through the files before the hearing.

On being pointed out that earlier the top court had requested the high court to defer the hearing till it decides the appeals, the bench said that it would pass the same order urging the high court to postpone the scheduled hearing there on June 23 and wait for two more days. The bench then enquired from Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, and senior Advocates Rakesh Dwivedi and Vikas Singh whether they will be able to conclude the arguments on Friday. The lawyers answered in the affirmative.

Initially, the state government and the law minister had moved the top court with their appeals and later the chief minister filed her plea against the June 9 order of the high court.

On June 9, a five-judge bench of the Calcutta High Court, hearing CBI's application for transfer of the Narada sting tape case from the special CBI court to the high court, had said it will decide later on considering the affidavits by Banerjee and Ghatak on their respective roles on the day of the arrest of four leaders in connection with the case.

India, US to start air drill from today in Indian Ocean region



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As the Indian Ocean has emerged as one of the most strategically important regions and China is flexing its maritime muscle there, the IAF will take part in an exercise with the US there for two days starting Wednesday.

Giving details here on Tuesday, IAF officials said as a strategic outreach exercise with the defence forces of friendly foreign countries in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), IAF and the US Navy will participate in an exercise to be carried out with Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group (CSG).

The Exercise in the area of responsibility of the Southern Air Command will see the IAF forces operate from bases under four operational commands and will include Jaguars

₹583 cr deal with Goa shipyard for 2 pollution control vessels

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Giving a boost to the Indian ship building capabilities, the Defence Ministry on Tuesday signed a contract with Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL) for the construction of two pollution control vessels (PCV) for the Indian Coast Guard at a cost of about ₹583 crore.

The ships are being procured to significantly augment the capability of the Indian Coast Guard to respond to incidents of oil spills at the sea and also boost the force's pollution response mechanism. These two vessels are scheduled for delivery by November 2024 and May 2025 respectively.

The defence ministry said the "special role ships" will be indigenously designed, developed and built by GSL. The acquisition will significantly augment the capability of ICG to respond to oil spill disasters at sea, it said.

and Su-30 MKI fighter jets, AWACS, AEW&C and Air to Air Refueller aircraft. The US CSG is expected to field F-18 fighters and E-2C Hawkeye AEW&C aircraft. The exercise will be carried out south of Thiruvananthapuram, on the western seaboard, over two days.

UK posts liaison officer at Indian Navy's Information Centre

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Signaling the growing importance of India's maritime prowess and its significance in the Indian Ocean region, the UK on Tuesday posted a liaison officer at the Indian Navy's Information Fusion Centre (IFC). It is the key hub of maritime security information relating to the Indian Ocean.

The Indian Navy established the IFC-IOR in 2018 in

Gurugram to effectively keep track of the shipping traffic as well as other critical developments in the region under a collaborative framework with like-minded countries. Australia and USA have already deputed their officers to this centre.

The positioning of the British officer at the centre comes ahead of a planned visit to India by the UK's Carrier Strike Group, led by aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth.

"Lt Commander Stephen

Smith will be based full-time at the Centre, working directly with the Indian armed forces and fellow liaison officers from partner nations to enhance maritime domain awareness in the region," the British high commission said here on Tuesday.

Admiral Tony Radakin, Chief of Naval Staff of the UK, described it as a significant step towards maritime domain awareness by both India and Britain.

No relief from scorching heat, humidity for next 7 days: IMD

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Monsoon in large parts of northwest India would actually be delayed, quite contrary to the forecasts about its onset a fortnight earlier than its scheduled date or slightly before time. With the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Tuesday saying that further progress of the monsoon into Delhi and parts of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Punjab is "unlikely" during the next seven days, it is clear that even the usual onset date of June 27 would not be met in the region.

This also means there

would not be any relief from the scorching heat and humidity anytime soon.

India has received 37 per cent excess rainfall during the monsoon season so far. As per the IMD data, northwest India has received 71.3 mm rainfall against the normal of 40.6 mm rainfall during the period, a surplus of 76 per cent. Central India has registered 145.8 mm rainfall against the normal of 92.2 mm, an increase of 58 per cent. The southern peninsula has received 133.6 mm rainfall, which is 24 per cent more than normal, while east and north-east India witnessed 253.9 mm rainfall against the normal of 224.8 mm during the period.



On the advancement of the monsoon, the IMD said that further advance of southwest monsoon into remaining parts of Rajasthan, west Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi and Punjab is likely to be slow as large scale features are not favourable.

"The forecast wind pattern by the numerical models do not indicate any favourable condition for sustained rainfall over the region during the forecast period," it said.

"Southwest monsoon has so far covered most parts of the country except parts of Rajasthan, Delhi, Haryana and Punjab," it said.

"The salient feature of the monsoon in 2021 is its progress to eastern, central and adjoining northwest India earlier than normal (up to 7-10 days). However, further progress over the remaining parts of the country is unlikely during the next seven days," it said.

Kuldeep Srivastava, the head of the IMD's regional forecasting centre, said light rains are likely in Delhi-NCR around June 26 but the region will have to wait for monsoonal showers.

The MeT office had earlier predicted that the wind system may reach Delhi by June 15, which would have been 12 days early. Normally, the mon-

soon reaches Delhi by June 27 and covers the entire country by July 8.

Last year, the wind system had reached Delhi on June 25 and covered the entire country by June 29, according to Skymet Weather, a private forecasting agency.

Mahesh Palawat from Skymet Weather said chances are that Delhi will get monsoonal showers only around June end.

"Westerly winds have been blocking the advance of the monsoon into the remaining parts of northwest India for some days. These are expected to persist for at least one week," he said.

New political alliance in the offing in UP

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

A new political alliance led by the Bahujan Samaj Party and Bhagidari Sankalp Morcha comprising Om Prakash Rajbhar-led Suheldeo Bhartiya Samaj Party (SBSP) and AIMIM is likely to include three more small political parties.

BSP chief Mayawati and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi have held several rounds of talks and the latter is coming to Lucknow next month. The alliance is likely to be formalised and the BSP supremo is expected to make the announcement. Assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh are scheduled for early next year.

Om Prakash Rajbhar had dropped hints about broadening the alliance on June 20. Rajbhar said he was trying to rope in several other parties, including TMC and Aam Aadmi Party to form an effective front to counter the BJP.

In the 2017 UP Assembly elections, the SBSP in alliance with the BJP had contested eight seats and won four. Rajbhar was made a cabinet minister but he was dismissed in May 2019 soon after the Lok Sabha elections.

The SBSP, for strengthening its ground in eastern Uttar Pradesh, had stitched up an alliance with the Hyderabad-based All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) in January earlier this year.

AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi had made a one-day tour to Purvanchal with Rajbhar. Owaisi visited Azamgarh and Jaunpur districts.

In UP, Owaisi has joined hands with SBSP and eight other parties, including Krishna Patel's Apna Dal, Jan Adhikar Party and Chandrasekhar Ravan's Azad Samaj Party.

This Bhagidari Sankalp Morcha has announced to con-

test the 2022 UP Assembly elections against the BJP to represent the unheard Muslim-Backward and Dalit caste voices. The Apna Dal (Krishna Patel) is likely to quit the alliance as it is said to have cut a deal with the BJP. Its president Krishna Patel is likely to be nominated as the member of the UP Legislative Council. The Apna Dal (Sonela) led by Anupriya Patel MP, daughter of Krishna Patel, is already an ally of the BJP.

Ever since the entry of the AIMIM in Bihar elections in October last year, small caste-based political parties have been trying to get the caste arithmetic in their favour in eastern UP.

Although the Bhagidari Sankalp Morcha and Owaisi in particular have been targeting the BJP, the presence of this alliance in Azamgarh and adjoining districts will directly affect the Samajwadi Party performance in the region.

Stalin seeks support of other CMs to oppose Centre's move to take over minor ports

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin on Tuesday wrote to his counterparts in nine States asking their support in opposing the actions initiated by Government of India "on management of minor ports hitherto managed and regulated by State Governments."

Stalin asked all coastal States and Union Territories to express their objection to the Draft Indian Ports Bill 2021, which according to him was an aggression on the powers and rights enjoyed by the States to manage the minor ports. There are nearly 200 minor ports dotting India's coast line.

In a demi-official letter dated June 21, excerpts of which were released to the media on Tuesday Stalin told chief ministers of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry, Odisha and West Bengal that the 'Draft Indian Ports Bill 2021' to modify the current management model of minor ports was an attempt to rob the States of their powers.

"As per the existing Indian Ports Act, 1908, the powers to plan, develop, regulate and control the minor ports vests with the State Governments concerned. However, the new draft Indian Ports Bill 2021 proposes to change this and transfer many of these powers to MSDC (Maritime State Development Council), which has so far been only an advisory body. Further to this, many



powers currently exercised by State Governments would be taken over by the Union Government," writes Stalin in his letter.

He said the move of the Central Government to bring a new Bill would have long term adverse implications on the management of minor ports, since the State Governments will not have any major role anymore, if the Bill is passed.

But experts in maritime sector describe Stalin's apprehensions as much ado about nothing. "There is no hard and fast rules that say that minor ports belong to the domain of States," said Captain Hariharan Balakrishnan, formerly of Indian Navy.

"The Centre has every right to decide how ports, both major and minor ports, should be developed. How many minor ports are being operated by State Governments? We do have minor ports but the Centre can take over them as and when it wishes," said Captain Balakrishnan.

The Constitution of India has clearly stated in Article 246 (sections 24 to 28) that Ports, Maritime Shipping and Navigation on Inland Waterways come under the jurisdiction of the Centre while Ports other than those declared by or under law made by Parliament or existing law to be major ports fall under the Concurrent List where the Centre calls the shots.

PMO move against Bengal ex-CS cruel, heartless: TMC

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The Trinamool Congress has strongly reacted to Centre's decision to take punitive action against former Bengal Chief Secretary Alapan Bandopadhyay for alleged insubordination (to the Prime Minister's Office) and dereliction of duty in the cyclone Yaas case.

Calling the central proceedings against Bandopadhyay for avoiding a meeting at Kalaikunda where he was asked to brief Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the damages caused by the super cyclone senior Trinamool Congress MP Saugato Roy on Tuesday said that "the actions taken by the Department of Personnel and Training which in all essence runs under the Prime Minister's (Narendra Modi) instruction is a proof of his cruelty and heartlessness... this order has been passed to intimidate the upright officers like Alapan Bandopadhyay to stop them from working independently... such actions are a blow to the federal structure of the country."

"The action a 'cruel and heartless one' at a time when 'the former Chief Secretary has just lost his mother' Roy said.

Bengal Pradesh Congress president Adhir Chowdhury said that the Centre was "unnecessarily" making it an ego clash of sorts "in a bid to show who is more powerful or 'look, I am more powerful than you'... Such childish fights should stop."

"The Centre had sent a 'memorandum' of 'charge sheet' service's Discipline Rules 1969 and the Retirement Benefits Rules 1958 — to be explained within 30 days of receipt — to the retired IAS officer.

It states "Shri Alapan Bandyopadhyay, IAS (Retd) is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of the Article of Charge as is not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny the Article of Charge."

Bandopadhyay known for his integrity, merit and high literary talents was pulled up by the Centre for failing to abide by the PMO directives requiring him to make a digital presentation of the damages caused by cyclone Yaas in a Prime Ministerial meeting — in the last week of May — at Kalaikunda off Kharagpur.

Bandopadhyay had gone there with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee but left along with her after she decided to leave the venue immediately after coming to know that Opposition Leader Suwendu Adhikari had too been invited in the meeting. She left the spot in a huff alleging protocol breach with Bandopadhyay in tow.

Subsequently the Chief Secretary was transferred by the central Home Ministry to Delhi. However he chose to retire on May 31st post which he was appointed the Chief Advisor of the Chief Minister.

Om Birla urges public representatives to play active role in vax drive

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Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Tuesday urged the public representatives to play an active role in the ongoing vaccination drive. He also asked the presiding officers to sensitise the members of all democratic institutions to conduct public awareness campaigns about Covid-19 so that citizens can be protected against the pandemic. The Lok Sabha Speaker was addressing a virtual meeting of all-India presiding officers' conference.

Birla asked the presiding officers to urge all members of Vidhan Sabha, Vidhan

Parishad, Panchayat, Municipality etc to make the vaccination drive a big success. 31 presiding officers of State legislatures participated in this virtual meeting, who discussed several matters, including legislative response to tackle the menace of Covid-19.

Birla said that in the first two years of the 17th Lok Sabha, the productivity of the House has been more than 122 percent.

He added that changes have been in rules with respect to matters under Rule 377, due to which the Hon'ble Members now get answers to more than 90 percent of matters raised.

12,617 new cases in Kerala

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Despite the lockdowns of different varieties, there has been no worthwhile fall in the transmission of Covid-19 in Kerala. The State logged on Tuesday 12,617 new patients while the death toll during the last 24 hours reached 141.

Though the Test Positivity Rate in seven districts showed less than 10 per cent, there are many regions in the State which have TPR of 30 per cent and above and this has made return to normal-

ty a distant dream. Across the State, 11,730 covid patients who were undergoing treatment were discharged from hospitals as they tested negative.

As the lock down rules have been relaxed, crowds in roads and public places have come back with most of the public transport plying to capacity.

A release issued by the department of health said that during the last 24 hours, the State tested more than 1.17 lakh samples.

Out of the new cases of 12, 617

diagnosed with the pandemic on Tuesday, 11,719 persons contracted Covid-19 through contacts which underscore the fact that Kerala is not a safe place for those want to escape from the Wuhan virus, as the disease is popularly called here.

Meanwhile the Indian Medical Association and doctors under the Kerala Government Service have issued unofficial alerts about the possibility of the third wave of the pandemic, which may strike the State anytime.

MUMBAI HOUSING SOCIETY VACCINATION FRAUD HC directs Maha to frame policy to prevent recurrence of frauds

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Having taken cognizance of the Covid-19 vaccination fraud that came to light in a city cooperative housing society last week, the Bombay High Court on Tuesday directed the Maharashtra government and Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) to formulate a policy to prevent recurrence of such frauds and also book the kingpin behind the fraud unearthed in the metropolis.

Hearing a public interest litigation filed by social activist a PIL filed by lawyer Anita Shekhar Castellino and Adv. Siddharth Chandrashekhar, a HC bench of Chief Justice Dipankar Datta and Justice G. S. Kulkarni asked the Mumbai Police to submit the status report on its investigations into the fake vaccination racket by Thursday.

Directing the BMC to keep a track of ongoing private vaccinations in various housing societies in the metropolis and also ensure that senior citizens did not suffer, the HC bench observed: "There has to be a policy. Some intimation or communication among housing societies, hospitals, civic body, so that such incidents do not happen"

"What is the most unfortunate thing here is that when the whole of humanity is suffering, some people are still playing frauds of this kind... The State and the BMC must come up with a policy or guidelines on an SOS basis for private vaccination camps to avoid similar incidents in future," the HC bench said.

The HC bench told the State Government and BMC not to take such incidents lightly, and wanted to know if the fraudsters were being booked under stringent provisions of the Epidemic Diseases Act, or the Disaster management Act. "See to it that the investigation is not delayed. Tell us what is the progress of the investigation.."

These are serious issues. Fraudsters are playing with the lives of innocent people," the Judges said.

Senior Advocate Anil Sakhare, representing the BMC, told the court that the Mumbai Police was already investigating the issue and the civic body has also initiated the necessary measures

On his part, State's counsel Deepak Thakare told the High Court that of the five accused in the vaccination fraud reported from Kandivli-based Hiranandani Heritage Society, four had been arrested and an accused doctor was on the run.

The High Court directed the Mumbai police to arrest all accused persons. It will hear the plea further on June 24.

It may be recalled 62 hours after the office bearers of Hiranandani Heritage Residents' Welfare Association (HHRWA) lodged a complaint with them, Kandivli police had arrested four persons behind the alleged fraud.. The HHRWA office bearers had alleged that the three alleged fraudsters collected ₹4.92 lakh from 390 residents, housekeeping staff, security guards, drivers or domestic helpers on May 30 for conducting a vaccination camp.

The camp was conducted by three facilitators, including Rajesh Pandey and Sanjay Gupta, who claimed to represent leading private hospitals like the Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital (KDAH) and the Nanavati Hospital. They agreed to provide 400 vaccine doses for around ₹1,260 each, for which the society paid around ₹4.92 lakh. However the vaccination facilitator did not provide receipts for the money taken.

On their part, the KDAH and the Nanavati Hospital had distanced themselves from the questionable vaccination camp by saying that they had nothing to do with the vaccination camp conducted at Hiranandani Heritage Society.

Supplementary chargesheet filed in TRP scam case

With addition of 7, total accused goes up to 22

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a significant development, Editor-in-Chief of Republic TV was on Tuesday named as among the seven additional accused in a supplementary chargesheet filed in the much-discussed Television Rating Points (TRP) scam before a Metropolitan Magistrate's Court here.

In a 1,912-page supplementary chargesheet filed before the 37th Mumbai Metropolitan Court at Esplanade named Goswami and six other employees from Republic TV and Republic Bharat TV channels as accused for offences registered against them under Section 420 (cheating, Section 120-b (conspiracy), 406 (criminal breach of trust), 465 (forgery), 204 (destruction of evidence) and various other Sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

Apart from Goswami, six others named in the supplementary charge-sheet are Priya Mukherjee, Chief Operating Officer, Republic TV, Siva Subramaniam, Chief Financial Officer, Republic TV, Amit Mohan Dave, Sanjay Sukhdev Varma, Shivendra Mundherkar and Ranjit Walter.

With addition of seven names in the supplementary chargesheet, the total number of accused charge-sheeted in the alleged TRP scam has gone up to 22. In two charge-sheets filed earlier in the case on November 11, 2020 and January 11, 2021, the police had named 15 accused in the case.

Those charge-sheeted include:

the ex-CEO of Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) Partho Dasgupta and Republic TV CEO Vikash Khanchandani all of whom had been booked for alleged cheating, forgery, criminal conspiracy, destroying evidence and criminal breach of trust etc.

In their three charge-sheets running into 22 accused in the TRP scam case, the police have said that the investigations in the case had revealed three kinds of tweaking of TRP data — inducing the panel homes where Bar-o-meters are installed by way of paying money to watch certain channels for specific time, placing of one television channel on two different frequencies by multi system Operators/Cable operators for one television channel and manipulation of television viewership data (metarule) received at BARC.

It may be recalled that on October 6, 2020, Mumbai's former police commissioner Param Bir Singh had said: "The investigations carried out so far have revealed that certain television channels like Republic TV, Fakt Marathi, Box Cinema etc have been indulging in such malpractices. Certain witnesses have come forward to tell us that they were induced by the arrested accused people and their accomplices for a monthly monetary consideration". Singh had said that the Republic TV was a suspect in TRP manipulation and the police had received data from the BARC.

The TRP is calculated on the basis of TV channel viewership in a confidential set of households.

Conversion racket: NSA invoked against accused

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

A day after the Anti-Terror Squad arrested two individuals in the alleged religious conversion, the police have now invoked the National Security Act (NSA) against the accused on the directions of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

Those arrested have been identified as Mufti Qazi Jahangir Alam Qasmi and Mohammad Umar Gautam by Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) Prashant Kumar. Both accused are the residents of Jamia Nagar in New Delhi.

According to reports, the properties of the accused will also be confiscated. On Tuesday, the ATS also got their police custody remand for further interrogation.

The alleged conversion racket was busted by the ATS following the registration of an FIR in the case at the ATS police station in Lucknow.

As per reports, two men of Delhi's Jamia Nagar, were allegedly running an outfit involved in converting deaf and dumb students and other poor people to Islam in Uttar Pradesh with funding from Pakistan's ISI. Moreover, children and women were also lured with false promises of cash, jobs, and marriage for conversion.

BJP MP demands disqualification of Nusrat Jahan

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BJP MP from Badaun Dr Sanghamitra Maurya demanded the disqualification of West Bengal's TMC MP and actress Nusrat Jahan for allegedly giving a false affidavit in Parliament and hiding her marital status. Maurya handed over a letter to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla recently.

The BJP MP demanded cancellation of Nusrat Jahan's Lok Sabha membership. In the letter, she said that the TMC MP's conduct was indecent.

"She has deceived her voters on the issue of marriage. The dignity of Parliament has also been tarnished by her act," she stated in the letter.

She said that the matter should be sent to the Ethics Committee of Lok Sabha for investigation. Maurya, on a day-long visit to her Lok Sabha constituency, said that Nusrat Jahan lied in the affidavit.

"I have no interest in the TMC MP's personal life but



with her affidavit where she has shown her marital status as married. Her name in the affidavit is Nusrat Jahan alias Noori Jain and her husband's name is Nikhil Jain. Now she claims that her marriage was not valid. You lied to the public and Parliament. There should be an investigation into this matter and action be taken," Maurya said.

"When Nusrat came to take oath in the Lok Sabha, she wore vermilion on her forehead and had marriage bangles, which is a custom of a newly married woman. I think it was done to fool the people," Maurya added.

SC stays Bombay HC verdict cancelling caste certificate of Amravati MP

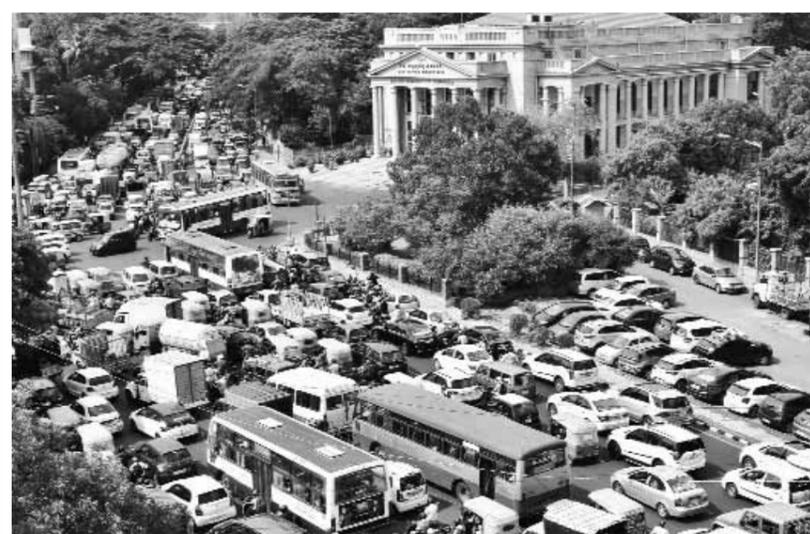
PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a relief to Lok Sabha MP Navneet Kaur Rana, the Supreme Court on Tuesday stayed the Bombay High Court verdict cancelling the caste certificate of the independent lawmaker representing Maharashtra's Amravati constituency, reserved for scheduled castes. The Bombay High Court had on June 9 cancelled the caste certificate of Rana, saying it was obtained fraudulently using fabricated documents, and had also imposed a fine of ₹2 lakh on her.

A vacation bench of Justices Vineet Saran and Dinesh Maheshwari took note of the submissions of senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for the lawmaker, and issued notices to respondents including the State Government, District Caste Scrutiny Committee and Anandra Vithoba Adsul who had challenged the veracity of the caste certificate of the MP.

"Issue notice. We will have it for hearing on July 27. Meanwhile, we have stayed the judgment of the Bombay High Court. It is understood that on the next date of hearing the matter will be disposed of," the bench said. The court, which proposed to issue notice on Rana's appeal and stay the high court's judgement at the outset, took note of vehement submission of senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Adsul, that the verdict not be stayed without hearing him.

Rana, backed by Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), had won from Amravati constituency in 2019 by claiming to be a member of 'Mochi' scheduled caste. The high court had held that Rana's claim of belonging to 'Mochi' caste for obtaining the SC certificate itself was fraudulent and made with the intention of obtaining various benefits available to a candidate from such category, despite knowing she does not belong to that caste.



Vehicles stuck in a traffic jam in the central business district after certain restrictions of Covid-induced lockdown were eased, in Bengaluru on Tuesday

Close to 8L people in UP inoculated

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh created a record of sorts as close to 8 lakh people were vaccinated in 24 hours even as 255 new cases of Covid were reported on Tuesday while 397 patients recovered.

Government spokesman Shishir Singh said that till 8 pm on Tuesday, 7.63 lakh people were vaccinated and the count could reach 8 lakh.

On June 21, the State had recorded 7,29,197 vaccinations. Till now, 2,63,22,777 vaccine doses have been administered across the state. "From July 1, the Government has fixed a target to vaccinate 12 lakh people per day," the spokesman said.

At present, there are 3,910 active Covid cases in the state and 2,525 patients are in home isolation.

"Today, no new cases of infection were found in 16 districts while fresh cases in single digit were reported in 55 districts," Additional Chief Secretary, Information, Navneet Sehgal said here on Tuesday.

Wheat purchase in UP hits all-time high

'Lucknow: In the Rabi marketing season 2021-2022, the Uttar Pradesh Government has made the highest-ever purchase of wheat from the highest number of farmers. Wheat procurement in UP has increased eight times in Yogi Adityanath's regime, going up from 7.97 lakh MT in 2016 to 56.25 lakh MT, an all-time high, in the ongoing season.

The sharp hike in procurement has benefited 13 times more farmers than the previous Samajwadi Party government in 2016. During the Rabi marketing season 2016-17, wheat was purchased from merely 1,66,073 farmers whereas in the 2021-22 season, over 12.88 lakh farmers benefited from the purchase despite the pandemic situation.

The Yogi Adityanath Government has purchased more than 2.22 crore MT of food grains on higher MSP so far in its tenure which is 110 per cent more than the target. In comparison, during the erstwhile Akhilesh Yadav Government, the total purchase of wheat from 2012 to 2017 was just about 94.38 lakh MT, only 42 per cent of the target.



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PAPER WITH PASSION

The bulwark

An Opposition front is seemingly in the making, but its united impact on the BJP remains to be seen

It is best to think of the meeting of like-minded parties and individuals convened by Sharad Pawar and Yashwant Sinha as being exploratory. For, the invitation issued for the meeting is not clear about the real purpose of the deliberations at this juncture, who all are expected to put up a united political front to confront the BJP and the scope of the political strategy. The meeting between Pawar and political strategist Prashant Kishor preceding the invite gave rise to speculations in the entire Opposition camp. There is also ambiguity about the status of the Congress in this scheme of things because the invite did not go to the party but to three senior leaders who are part of the 'G-23' group. Prashant Kishor clarified that what they will look for is not the Third Front model. Be that as it may, the meeting comes just as the political parties gear up for the next round of Assembly elections, including in Uttar Pradesh. The second wave of Coronavirus has left most parties, in power in one State or the other, scarred by exposing their inadequacies in handling the pandemic. Both are good enough reasons for the politicians to take stock of where they stand individually and what it means to shape themselves into a united forum to challenge the BJP in 2024.



There is enough on the table even for an exploratory meeting. The regional parties are strong in their respective States, but lack national presence or relevance. Most of the leaders, save a few,

do not have a national presence either. Many of them fight the Congress in regional politics. Some, like the YSRCP and the TRS, are partners with an umbilical rivalry. The true postures of these parties will become apparent in the next presidential election due next year. The national parties suffer from a shrinking area of influence even as they confront one another, like in Kerala, or are whipped by a regional force, like in West Bengal. Some of these parties are not even attending the meeting. Second, they will need to project a correct perception of their relations with the Congress. A non-Congress, anti-BJP bloc of regional parties is one thing. An anti-Congress, anti-BJP forum of regional parties is another. For, the latter, by definition, shares anti-Congressism with the BJP. The Congress, despite its dipping political fortunes, remains the fulcrum of anti-BJP politics, given that in both 2014 and 2019 it was the runner-up in upwards of 200 seats. It all depends on whether the Congress can retain Punjab and fare better in other States in the upcoming elections. The real issue, however, is coming up with an alternative to brand Narendra Modi's political narrative that has an equal resonance nationally and a post-pandemic economic agenda. What the exploratory meeting can afford not to do is wait for the law of diminishing utility to eventually kick in against the BJP.

PICTALK



Devotees offer prayers on the occasion of Bada Mangal, at Bade Hanuman Ji temple near Sangam, in Prayagraj. PTI

Fuel on fire

The Government should exercise fiscal discipline rather than exploiting oil prices to shore up revenue

While every graph of economic indicator is nose-diving, oil prices and inflation are defying gravity. This month, diesel also breached the ₹100-mark in Rajasthan. In seven States, petrol is selling for more than ₹100. This is indeed not a good sign for economy, which is reeling under severe recessionary pressures. Manufacturing is down, employment is low, and so is the purchasing power of the common man. The petrol-diesel prices put an extra burden on him. Oil prices push the prices further up as these have a cascading effect on economy. The Government is in no mood to relent. Moreover, volatility in the international market limits its options. These two factors are responsible for putting the fuel prices on fire. The prices were hiked 43 times this year. This has indeed helped the Government collect more revenue. The excise collection during April-November 2020 was at ₹1,96,342 crore, up from ₹1,32,899 crore during the same period in 2019. The central taxes increased from ₹10.39 in May 2014 to ₹32.9 in June 2021! This explains the dynamics of oil pricing. Before Modi



Government, crude oil price constituted two-thirds of the fuel price, now taxes have taken that spot. The central and State Government taxes account for nearly 54 per cent of its cost.

The Government is justifying the high excise on petrol and diesel by saying that it needs money to spend on welfare schemes. Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan concedes that it is problematic for people, though quickly adding that the Government spent ₹35,000 crore on vaccines. So, apparently the logic is that people who drive should foot the bill. But then it is not only the cars and bikes that consume petrol and diesel. The trucks that carry freight and diesel pump sets that push water into the fields also run on diesel. That was one reason that diesel was always priced less but that consideration has been done away with. This naturally translates into higher input costs for farmers and a higher cost of farm products. However, adjusting excise and other taxes could control the fuel prices. With the Opposition struggling, there are hardly any street protests. Each time, the increased new price becomes normal. The Government has done little to tighten its expenses. It has failed to avoid wasteful expenditure on projects of little value. Fiscal discipline is missing in the Government. The petrol price hike comes in handy.

Corona's orphans: Kids of a lesser god



GYANESHWAR DOYAL

Stung by the tragedy of one or both parents succumbing to the virus, thousands of children stare at an uncertain future, if they have one

Even as the country braces for the third Corona wave which experts feel would be tougher on children, the pandemic has already taken a toll. On June 1, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) reported in the Supreme Court more than 9,300 Corona orphans in India. These include more than 1,700 children who lost both the parents. The actual figure could be many times this number as the data is yet to be collected from across the country.

Unfortunately, as of now, the Government does not have a plan in place to rehabilitate these children. Let alone a plan, it has not even identified these children yet. Many children have been orphaned due to circumstances created by the pandemic. Many people lost their lives while going back to their hometowns during the lockdown. They carried children in their arms or dragged them on wheeled suitcases. Many never reached their destinations and the children were left in the middle of nowhere. Who can forget the pictures of a toddler trying to wake up her dead mother on a railway platform? Of course, these children would not figure in the Government data of Corona orphans.

The pandemic has already killed the dreams, aspirations and hopes of the Corona orphans. Their number is now in thousands, if not lakhs, after the second wave. Many people who succumbed to Corona could not even have the last word with their children. Some children are still waiting for their parents to return. They are fed on lies that their parents have "gone to work" and will "return with goodies". The day they find out the truth would be shattering for them.

Often, especially in the second wave, both the parents died within a few days of each other. The child was left alone without any support system to fall back upon. Even those survived by a single parent do not have the normal childhood left for them. The person who got them toys,



played with them, attended their PTMs is gone. A bleak future and hardships await them; the innocence all set to yield at the altar of the real world.

Corona took away the children's childhood as it did their innocence. Most people at a tender age wilt under pressure. If it is a child, the chances of her/his being altered for life are high. For children, losing parents is traumatic. Parents fulfil not only the needs of a child but give him a sense of security which is important in the growing up years. Most of the behavioural traits of the children get consolidated in the first seven years. Losing parents during that time scars children, changing their worldview forever.

It is the time when we, as a nation, need to step up our efforts to take care of such children. The parents cannot be replaced but, in the least, the child can be given a sense that there is someone who cares and provides him support. It could be his relatives, adopting parents, non-governmental organisations, or the Government itself.

The moot question is, what next for these children?



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Indeed, adoption comes up as the most natural way these children could be given a second lease of life. But there are some inherent dangers. The chances of fake adoptions are high. Child traffickers see it as an opportunity. Often, the children get adopted by traffickers and sold off.

The Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) handles adoptions in the country. Strict guidelines govern the process of adoption in India. Any adoption without following this process is illegal. It puts children at high risk. Many adopted children are exploited, trafficked and abused. Moreover, the adoption rate in India is rather low. Only around 4,000 children are adopted every year; so few children would find a family that way.

An abandoned child is an easy prey for traffickers. In this situation, it becomes the responsibility of each one of us to help a child in distress. At the least, one could call children's helpline number (1098) and inform the authorities about the child in distress. Or, one can also contact the district Child Welfare Committees (CWCs) or inform the local police sta-

tion. The CWC decides the fate of these children — whether the child needs to go to a long-term or short-term shelter or for adoption. The Prime Minister has announced that such children will get a monthly stipend once they turn 18 through a corpus fund of ₹10 lakh under the "PM-CARES for children" scheme. But the important question is how a child, says age two, survives 16 years to take that stipend!

Foster care is another option that can be explored and encouraged. The kith and kin of the deceased can take care of the child. But then that, again, is not free of problems. Many a time, the children end up working as domestic helps, their education stopped, their rights curtailed. There must be an agency to monitor such cases. There is an urgent need to tackle this issue on priority so that these children do not fall into the wrong hands. We, as a nation, have to think out of the box to help these children of a lesser god!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AN UNCHARITABLE DECISION

Sir — We have only heard of insurance companies trying to find some loopholes in the claim applications and find some lame excuses to deny claims made against policies issued by them. It is shocking that the Central Government is trying to follow the tactics of such insurance companies to deny *ex gratia* compensation to the family of those who died of COVID-19 on the plea that this is not a one-time disaster and that such a huge payout will empty the disaster funds available with the Government.

While we have witnessed the Government deferring the expenditure of more than ₹20,000 crore for the not-so-urgent and not at all necessary Central Vista project and a luxury mansion for the Prime Minister, the Government has denied compensation to the victims' families. What is the use of dumping the available funds in developing new infrastructure for medical facilities without paying the amount to the bereaved families that need immediate support in the absence of the breadwinner of the family?

The argument of the Government to deny COVID-19 compensation is uncharitable when it has taken decisions to give huge tax benefits to the corporates and also to write off non-performing assets in banks amounting to millions of rupees.

Tharcus S Fernando | Chennai

BEFORE THE NEXT WAVE HITS

Sir — The strains of the third wave of Coronavirus would fall upon us during October, according to medical experts. So, it is the foremost duty of the States and the Centre to be prepared to combat it from all directions. Further, people should strictly follow guidelines, protocols and advisories issued by the authorities concerned. It is also suggested that stress should be on the production of vaccines, medicines and other healthcare facilities. Hopefully, this third wave may be outcast from the country without putting any deleterious impact on the health of people.

If the Government takes their advice and opens up schools, then what will hap-

Blue Dot Network versus Chinese BRI



The G7 Summit held recently in the wake of the COVID-induced crisis will be remembered for certain positive outcomes like adoption of the US-backed "Build Back Better World" plan to support middle and lower income countries in high-quality infrastructure. What is surprising is that it took several years to visualise and conceptualise a network akin to the Chinese model. In its quest to contain the overgrowing influence of belligerent China in the world panorama.

Considering the emergence of Indo-Pacific as the centre of the rivalry between the US and China, there is an urgent need to explore alternative areas of collaboration. The Blue Dot Network (BDN) is one such area. The concept of BDN, envisaged under the Trump Administration in 2019

at the 35th Asean Summit in Bangkok and proposed in the recent G7 Summit under the auspices of the OECD, can serve as a counterweight to the Chinese BRI unveiled in 2013.

As China has acquired the dubious distinction for unsustainable debt creation in participating countries, this network can serve as a balancing act to curb the hegemonic designs of China. The BDN's objective is to assist smaller countries in developing quality infrastructure, to promote open and transparent investments, which was found wanting in the latter, as they did not adhere to international certification standards. Moreover, the BRI in the guise of economic and infrastructural development has put several participating countries of Asia and Africa in a debt trap. Sri Lanka and Pakistan are glaring examples of this.

The BRI's intention to develop deep sea ports in the Indo-Pacific region is also ambiguous. Australia pulled out of BRI in April 2021 on grounds of violation of territorial integrity. As one of the ardent critics of BRI, India must play a significant role in shaping a global discourse in order to counter China.

Vijay Singh Adhikari | Nainital

pen? The issue is not just whether children get severe illness, it is about children easily becoming the link in the transmission chain in society. What is needed is a temporary restructuring of society where everything from travel, commerce, education, Government interactions, food supply and so on isn't hampered in the aftermath of the virus.

Krishnan Subramaniam | Kozhikode

OPERATE THE INTEGRATED VACCINE COMPLEX

Sir — It is perplexing why the Centre is still tightlipped over the reopening of the Integrated Vaccine Complex on the outskirts of Chennai in Chengalpattu for the production of antidotes for COVID-19 though there have been strong representations from the DMK-led Government and as well by Chief Minister MK Stalin himself during his recent meeting with Prime Minister

Narendra Modi in New Delhi.

Handing over the unit on lease will not only enable commencement of production quickly and ramp up the vaccination drive for all age groups in the State, but also will help cater to the needs of other States. Meanwhile, it pains one to read media reports that this state-of-the-art unit, which is built in a sprawling area of 100 acres and which reportedly has a capacity to produce one billion doses of any vaccine annually, has been lying idle for years due to issues like shortage of staff, pending wages, and suchlike issues. At a time when people are scurrying for jabs, it is grossly unfair for a big vaccine-producing unit owned by the Central Government to have been quiescent for long.

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

SOUNDBITE

It (the Government) failed to learn from the lessons and response models of other countries which had been hit by the pandemic.



Congress leader

— Rahul Gandhi



Easing measures at the border will happen as we see our communities increasingly become safe.

Canadian Health Minister

— Patty Hajdu

#gotvaccinated. Join the fight back. Now loading: Antibodies...



Actor

— Kartik Aaryan



I am humbled to have this opportunity of representing India at the Olympics for the third time, this time as team captain.

Hockey midfielder

— Manpreet Singh

Way to go Team AP. More power to you. Congrats to YS Jagan Mohan Reddy for his inspiring leadership.



Actor

— Chiranjeevi

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NEED FOR HOLISTIC EDUCATION POLICY

An important position should be given to education, and particularly inclusion, in the scheme of things



HIMA BINDU KOTA

Gender disparity and non-inclusivity is a major hindrance in India's pursuit to achieve the 4th Sustainable Development Goal of ensuring quality education for all. India lags behind China and other BRIC nations in terms of inclusivity and participation in education. China in particular has near universal levels of enrolment in lower secondary and a majority completing upper secondary in most parts of the country. India has a smaller proportion of its population enrolled at secondary levels than Brazil, Russia, and China. The only region of the world with lower participation at secondary school level than India is sub-Saharan Africa. India witnesses a huge gender disparity and access to education in India remains widely problematic, with great variations between and within states, and large differences in participation between identifiable sub-populations like Scheduled Castes and Tribes, girls, and some Muslim communities. Nationally, there is a high initial enrolment rate in the first grade. However, about 30 per cent of them fail to complete Grade V (primary), about 50 per cent drop out before completing Grade VIII (upper primary), and 60 per cent do not finish Grade X (lower secondary). This is prevalent in northern India, particularly in the BIMARU states. Gender plays an important role in education in India. According to



the Census of India 2011, only 26 per cent of girls completed secondary education as compared to 50 per cent of boys. The Annual Status of Education Report (Rural), 2019 also found that preference is given to the education of sons in comparison to daughters, by enrolling the former in private schools, which are considered better than government schools in imparting education.

In India, both direct and indirect costs of schooling are high and the lower household incomes of the majority of the population makes participation in secondary schooling a big challenge. Household surveys show the poorest allocate less than five per cent of expenditure to education. Unsubsidised secondary schooling is not available to most rural households and is considered a prerogative only for rich urban households. The present globalized world and integrated economies have brought to the fore the core importance of education. It plays a crucial role in empowering individuals and pave way for transformation of the society at large. Education has a major role in making the youth improve their social standing by alleviating their poverty-ridden condition. One of the main measures of human development is access to education, and as the Human Development Report 2012 mentions, the growth in index is associated with growth in public spending on education. Therefore, a fundamentally important position should be accorded to education, and particularly inclusion, in the entire scheme of things. The importance of quality education and the urgent need of equality in education should be ingrained in the policy. As education is imperative for empowering people, equality and inclusivity have to be crucial for any education policy to facilitate and drive widespread social transformation in the society. The government should create a framework based on equality of condition, which has five dimensions of 1) resources; 2) respect and recognition; 3) love, care and solidarity; 4) power; and 5) working and learning. With equality of condition as a base, gender equality framework can be extended by adding the aspect of inclusion, which, in addition to parity, equity and equality, can become the pillars for achieving quality education for all. It is proposed that these four elements of the gender equality framework have to be guided by another framework — strategy, practices, resources and governance - to develop a holistic and integrated education policy.

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Big Tech vs Governments: The road ahead

A few unaccountable and unelected corporations having the power to silence or amplify an opinion and directing a country's political discourse doesn't bode well



ANIL K ANTONY

Great corporations exist only because they are created and safeguarded by our institutions, and it is, therefore, our right and duty to see that they work in harmony with these institutions." These were the words of the 26th US President Theodore Roosevelt during his 1901 State of the Union address. "There is a widespread conviction in the minds of the American people that the great corporations known as trusts are in certain of their features and tendencies hurtful to the general welfare," he wrote before he used the Sherman Antitrust Act to break up monopolies including the largest railroad conglomerate, J.P Morgan's Northern Securities, and the largest oil company, Rockefeller's Standard Oil.

The US since then has used updated antitrust legislatures to clip the wings of giants including AT&T and Microsoft which were deemed powerful enough to stifle free-market competitiveness. The extent of influence of Big Tech companies that drive today's internet-technology-driven world is much more profound.

None of us can imagine a life where we do not use one of their products. They have aided in the creation of a hyper connected planet where any individual with technical know-how, irrespective of other differences, can access the internet and find myriad avenues for acquiring knowledge, form communities, create or get access to digital products and services, and be a part of a global digital economy. They act as instruments of economic and social mobility for billions.

Their valuations also unsurprisingly increased with their rapid expansion. Currently, eight of the world's largest ten companies based on their market capitalisation are from this industry. They exceed the GDP of most nations. Some of their balance sheets have surplus cash greater than the reserves of most countries. Apple, for instance, has a valuation exceeding \$2 trillion, and cash reserves of nearly \$200 billion.

The growth of this sector has been immune even to the Covid-19 pandemic that wrecked economies as people's reliance on digital tools increased during lockdowns. This sector's growing prominence has also led to some of the great maladies of our time, including never-seen-before inequalities, and democratic recession.

Integration of Artificial Intelligence, and Automation into Big Tech products has cut down the need for new jobs, leading to jobless growth. The same platforms that disrupted mass communication have ironically been used by governments with authoritarian tendencies to further extend state control. They have also aided in the rise of many demagogues to power across the world.

As these tech titans continue their market conquests, run-ins with governments have become commonplace. The past year saw fronts opening across continents between these companies and various governments. Antitrust lawsuits are the biggest battlegrounds. Major Big Tech firms including Google, Amazon, Apple, Alibaba, Facebook, and FlipKart are facing multiple investigations across the United States, European Union, China, and India.

This is mainly because the Big Tech firms have evolved into the gatekeepers of the Internet. They have userbases in hundreds of millions. Customers and enterprises cannot access many markets without going through their tech infrastructure. These companies set up large barriers of entry, or promote unfair business practices that charge



OUR DIGITAL ECONOMY IS DRIVEN BY DATA AND ALL THE BIG TECH FIRMS DERIVE TREMENDOUS VALUE FROM THE DATA COLLECTED FROM THEIR MYRIAD USERS. WE SHOULD SEE MORE COUNTRIES MAKE LAWS THAT WOULD MANDATE THE BIG TECH FIRMS TO SHARE SOME OF THE WEALTH CREATED WITH THE MAIN CONTRIBUTORS, INCLUDING PUBLISHERS

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excessive platform fees, limit competition, and kill smaller businesses.

Very recently, five bills have been moved with bipartisan support in the US House of Representatives meant to prevent big tech firms from favouring their products and services through their platform over their competitors. These proposed laws could separate their primary platform from their other line of businesses. Interestingly, US President Joe Biden has named Lina Khan, a very vocal Big Tech critic, as the country's top regulator.

The EU has proposed a sweeping set of legislation through the Digital Markets Act (DMA) that has clauses to fine an offender up to 10 per cent of their annual global revenue for anti-competitive behaviour. Provisions are included to break up repeat offenders. Aspirants are vying to be modern-day Teddy Roosevelts on both sides of the Atlantic.

India in 2018 itself had banned e-commerce companies from selling products they have an equity interest in through their platforms. The latest CCI probes are based on allegations of them circumventing these laws through circuitous business structures.

Google and Facebook, meanwhile, locked horns with the Australian Government over a new law that requires these tech companies to pay news companies for any original content they share on their platforms. After an altercation that resulted in a week-long blockade of the country's news links on Facebook, local news publishers started receiving payments. These developments will have conse-

quential effects.

Our digital economy is driven by data and all the Big Tech firms derive tremendous value from the data collected from their myriad users. We should see more countries make laws that would mandate the Big Tech firms to share some of the wealth created with the main contributors including publishers. Upcoming technologies like Blockchain would enable micro-payments to be made to every person contributing value in cyberspace. Big Tech's unassailable influence was highlighted during the months following the 2020 US Presidential elections when Donald Trump and some of his most vocal supporters were locked out of all social media platforms in a united effort by Big Tech. What can happen to the all-powerful President of the United States could happen to anyone. Angela Merkel of Germany called Trump's bans 'problematic'.

The prospect of a few unaccountable and unelected corporations having the power to silence or amplify any voice or opinion based on their predilections and thereby directing a country's political discourse does not bode well for any democracy. Since then, Uganda banned Twitter before their Presidential elections, and Nigeria banned Twitter after the social media platform deleted a tweet of their President.

Twitter and the Indian Government are at loggerheads over its intermediary status. Tech platforms have created internal systems for flagging and deleting questionable content posted on their platforms. However, these are repeated altercations with

authorities. India could again take a leaf out of the EU, which through its newly proposed Digital Services Act (DSA) makes it mandatory for all platforms to reveal to regulators currently opaque areas of tech platform functioning including possible dissections of their proprietary algorithms, and requires clear-cut mechanisms on filtering or removing content. Penalties up to six per cent of the company's turnover, and even suspension of service await non-complying offenders.

The tech sector, whose role and impact would only increase with time, requires broad, standardized, holistic regulations including well-defined penalties. Policy ambiguity would only create avenues of Government overreach. Regulatory bodies and tax authorities could arbitrarily open probes based on individual whims and fancies.

India's ruling party and the Union Government have many a time been accused of using these very same platforms for spreading false narratives, and for the propagation of underhanded political practices. Our Parliamentary Committee of IT should take the initiative in creating watchdog institutions under their purview, comprised of domain experts, with independence and authority to check Government excesses in tech policy.

Institutions and regulations thus formed are essential to ensure that our markets and political processes remain free and fair, and our digital landscape remains safe places for open discourses, without being subjected to digital colonization.

POINT-COUNTERPOINT

90 PER CENT OF PEOPLE WHO DIED... BIGGEST REASON WAS LACK OF OXYGEN. THE PM'S TEARS CAN'T WIPE FAMILIES' TEARS....
— CONGRESS LEADER RAHUL GANDHI



WHENEVER WE ARE AT A CROSSROADS IN OUR FIGHT, RAHUL GANDHI AND THE CONGRESS HAVE TRIED TO DERAIL EFFORTS BY PLAYING POLITICS.
— BJP NATIONAL SPOKESPERSON SAMBIT PATRA

Sasikala planning a return to Tamil Nadu politics?

Age and circumstances are against her but she will not throw in the towel easily and will weigh her options to see how she can stage a comeback

Will V.K.Sasikala, a one-time close confidante of late Tamil Nadu chief minister J. Jayalalithaa, make a comeback? It is a question mark as politics is changing fast in the state. 'Chinnamma', as she was known, has had her ups and downs in the past four decades. She enjoyed power as Jayalalithaa's shadow but she never did understand that she was only the shadow, not Jayalalithaa. She took over the party and nearly became Jaya's successor in 2017 but the BJP spoiled her plans and she instead went to Parappana Agrahara jail in Karnataka for four years.



KALYANI SHANKAR

In 2017, on a sunny February morning, Sasikala stopped at Jayalalithaa's grave

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before going to the Bengaluru jail and thumped the memorial platform thrice with her palm vowing to avenge her enemies. Now, after her release and a month after the AIADMK lost power in the Tamil Nadu polls, she is all set to return to active politics. In a recent alleged, phone conversation with one of the party cadres, Sasikala confirms her plans to take the political plunge.

She has been sending confusing signals about her future. Significantly, 2021 is not 2017. Much has changed in the past four years. Her two hand-picked leaders - former chief ministers O.Panneerselvam (OPS) and E.Palaniswamy (EPS) — have captured the party and they do not want



her to return. Sasikala had been involved in separate power tussles with both leaders earlier. The intensifying feud between EPS and OPS even after the electoral defeat and Sasikala's come-back plans are threatening to break the party again. EPS pipped OPS to the post of the leader of

opposition after a literal show of strength: the former had more legislators backing him. Sasikala, on the other hand, sees an opportunity in the two leaders' tussle to avenge her setbacks.

Though she cannot contest until 2027, there is no legal ban to head a party. It is a mystery why Sasikala announced her retirement from politics in March and why she wants to come back now. The timing she has chosen is also significant because the AIADMK is still struggling to come to terms with the loss of power. The cadres, especially EPS backers, are opposed to her emerging as a power centre again. EPS is one of the big hurdles for her return to the AIADMK because he

senses a threat to his position in the party.

The 'leaked' audio clip of an alleged conversation between Sasikala and one of her supporters has gone viral, creating a flutter about her imminent return. In the clip she is heard saying, "we will for sure streamline the party... certainly, I will come". And this as well: "You don't worry at all. Sure. We will resolve all the problems in the party. I will come. I will definitely come. You take care and be safe." For now, she has sent enough signals to her supporters that she is ready and waiting. Will Sasikala achieve her ambition? Though age is against her, those who know her believe she will not throw in the towel easily and will

weigh her options to see how she can stage a comeback.

The second hurdle is her own corrupt image. Her first effort to float an outfit AMMK through her nephew, TTV Dhinakaran, flopped in the recent assembly polls even though he initially won the R.K.Nagar assembly by-poll in 2017. Now she wants to find a place for herself in politics.

Thirdly, there still are other cases against her pending in the courts. She is particularly troubled by a case involving the purchase of properties with demonetized currency. With a Union Government and the State Government hostile to her she is skating on thin ice.

Fourthly, according to insiders, Sasikala is in no

hurry as her target is the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. She wants to get back into the BJP's good books by that time and establish herself and her nephew as players by using her money power. She wants to do this either by dividing the AIADMK or expanding her nephew's AMMK. Being the backstage player and Jayalalithaa's shadow in Tamil Nadu politics since the 1980s, Sasikala knows the ins and outs of Dravidian politics. She and her family were called the "Mannargudi mafia" in Jaya's time.

Chinnamma's future hangs in balance for now. It depends on many factors. Where one week is long in politics, another three years is too long.

Political crisis worsens in Nepal

SC quashes appointment of 20 Cabinet Ministers

Kathmandu: The political crisis deepened in Nepal on Tuesday after the Supreme Court quashed the appointment of 20 Ministers by beleaguered Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli, invalidating his two Cabinet expansions since the dissolution of the House of Representatives, according to a media report.

Kumar Dhungana said that Cabinet expansions after the dissolution of the House were unconstitutional and hence, the Ministers cannot discharge their duties, a report in the Kathmandu Post said.

With the order, there are only five ministers left in Oli's Cabinet, including the Prime Minister, it said.

The court passed the judgement on petitions filed on June 7 by six individuals, including senior advocate Dinesh Tripathi, demanding that the Cabinet expansions by the caretaker Government be quashed.

Oli, 69, who is heading a minority Government after losing a trust vote in the House last month, expanded his Cabinet on June 10 and June 4, inducting 17 ministers, amid widespread criticism and the ongoing political crisis in the Himalayan nation. Three State Ministers were also appointed.

"The Supreme Court has issued an interim order asking not to allow the ministers appointed after the House dissolution to function," said senior advocate Tripathi.

The Supreme Court has cited Article 77 (3) in its ruling to quash the appointments. It states if the Office of the Prime Minister falls vacant after the

Prime Minister fails to win a vote of confidence or resigns, the same Council of Ministers shall continue to act until another Council of Ministers is constituted, the report said.

The development comes when the Supreme Court is hearing the case regarding the reinstatement of the House of Representatives, which was dissolved by President Bidya Devi Bhandari on May 22 at the recommendation of Prime Minister Oli.

Oli last week defended his government's controversial decision to dissolve the House of Representatives and told the Supreme Court that it is not

up to the judiciary to appoint a premier as it cannot undertake the legislative and the executive functions of the state.

Nepal plunged into a political crisis on December 20 last year after President Bhandari dissolved the 275-member House and announced fresh elections on April 30 and May 10 at the recommendation of Prime Minister Oli, amidst a tussle for power within the ruling Nepal Communist Party.

In February, the Supreme Court reinstated the dissolved House of Representatives, in a setback to the embattled Prime Minister who was preparing for snap polls.

Biden meet with Ghani to ensure Af never again becomes safe haven for terrorists: WH

Washington: US President Joe Biden is looking forward to a meeting with his Afghan counterpart Ashraf Ghani during which the two leaders will discuss ways to ensure Afghanistan never again becomes a safe haven for terrorist groups who pose a threat to America, the White House has said.

Biden would meet Ghani at the White House on Friday for the first face-to-face interaction ahead of the withdrawal of the remaining US and NATO forces from the war-torn country by September 11.

"The President looks forward to welcoming him to the White House for a meeting on Friday. I expect their focus of their conversation will be to continue to discuss how we can work together to ensure that

Afghanistan never again becomes a safe haven for terrorist groups who pose a threat to the US homeland," White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki told reporters on Monday.

Their conversation will also be about how they can work together to continue to implement humanitarian assistance, other assistance that the United States remains committed to, even as the US works to draw down its troops from Afghanistan.

At the Pentagon, the Defense Department said that Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and the military leadership

"are constantly looking at the pace we're going at, and the capabilities we have, and the capabilities that we're going to need throughout to complete the withdrawal.

Biden has directed the Pentagon to withdraw troops from Afghanistan by September 11 this year.

The high-level meeting between Biden and Ghani will take place as the Taliban insurgents have in recent weeks captured dozens of new districts in Afghanistan and both sides are said to have suffered heavy casualties.

Pak won't host American bases as it may lead to 'revenge attacks': PM Khan

Islamabad: Prime Minister Imran Khan has ruled out hosting American bases in Pakistan for military action inside war-torn Afghanistan, fearing it might lead to his country being "targeted in revenge attacks" by terrorists.

In an opinion piece in The Washington Post newspaper ahead of US President Joe Biden's meeting with top Afghan leaders at the White House later this week, Khan also questioned the efficacy of such US bases in Pakistan.

"We simply cannot afford this. We have already paid too heavy a price," Khan said, amid reports that the US continues to focus on Pakistan for a military base in the region.

Elaborating the reasons for not giving nod the US to have bases in Pakistan, which were earlier allowed after 9/11 to coordinate operations in Afghanistan, the prime minister said, "If Pakistan were to agree to host US bases, from

which to bomb Afghanistan, and an Afghan civil war ensued, Pakistan would be targeted for revenge by terrorists again."

According to media reports, the US used the Shamsi air base in Balochistan to carry out hundreds of drone strikes since 2008. The drone strikes focused primarily on suspected Al Qaeda operatives in mountainous tribal areas, but also crossed the border into Afghanistan.

"If the United States, with the most powerful military machine in history, couldn't win the war from inside Afghanistan after 20 years, how would America do it from bases in our country?" Khan asked.

Khan, however, underlined that Pakistan and the US have the same interests in Afghanistan: a political settlement, stability, economic development and the denial of any haven for terrorists.

Come for a 'friendly' visit, not to probe rights violations in Xinjiang: China to UNHRC chief

Beijing: China on Tuesday politely declined UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet's call for a "meaningful access" to verify the "serious" reports of human rights violations in the restive region of Xinjiang, saying she is welcome for a "friendly visit" but not to pursue a probe with "presumption of guilt".

The US and the EU besides

other countries have accused China of committing a genocide against the minority Muslim Uygurs in Xinjiang and called for an international probe by human rights groups.

In her address to the 47th session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva on Monday, Bachelet said, "I continue to discuss with China modalities for a visit, including meaningful access, to the Xinjiang

Uyghur Autonomous Region, and hope this can be achieved this year, particularly as reports of serious human rights violations continue to emerge."

China has been vehemently refuting allegations of internment of millions of Uygurs in mass detention camps, which were officially termed as education camps, in a bid to wean them away from religious extremism.

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Kim sister derides US official, dismisses chances for talks

Seoul: The powerful sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un dismissed prospects for an early resumption of diplomacy with the United States, saying on Tuesday that US expectations of talks would "plunge them into a greater disappointment."

Kim Yo Jong's blunt statement indicates that the diplomatic impasse over North Korea's nuclear program is likely to continue unless the North suffers greater economic and pandemic-related difficulties, some experts said.

Hope for a restart of nuclear talks flared briefly after Kim Jong Un said last week that his country must be ready for both dialogue and confrontation, though more for confrontation. US National Security adviser Jake Sullivan called Kim's comments an "interesting signal."

On Tuesday, Kim Yo Jong derided Sullivan's response. "It seems that the US may interpret the situation in such a way as to seek a comfort for itself," the official Korean Central News Agency quoted her as saying.

Immediate ceasefire in Afghan is basic prerequisite for success of peace process: India at UN

United Nations: India said on Tuesday that an immediate and comprehensive ceasefire in Afghanistan is the need of the hour and a "basic prerequisite" for the success of the peace process, as it voiced deep concern at the rising use of violence as a "tool for pressure tactics."

India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador T S Tirumurti told the UN Security Council debate on the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) that the Council had earlier this month strongly condemned the alarming number of attacks deliberately targeting civilians in Afghanistan and had expressed their deep concern about the threat posed by terrorism to Afghanistan and

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the region. "These attacks are aimed at forcing the Afghan people to make pre-determined choices through coercion and spreading fear and intimidation within the society. As Afghanistan's immediate neighbour, we are deeply concerned at the rising use of violence as a tool for pressure tactics," he said.

Tirumurti stressed India believes that an immediate and comprehensive ceasefire in Afghanistan is the need of the hour. "This is not only in the interest of the people of Afghanistan, who have been the victims of unrelenting violence, but a basic prerequisite for the success of the peace process. It goes without saying that talks and violence cannot go hand in hand."

SEARCH FOR MISSING General Public is hereby informed that one lady Namely: Shalu, D/o: Dhanpal Singh, R/o: H.No. 565, L-1st Sangam Vihar, New Delhi, Age: 23 Years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: Yellow Colour T-Shirt and Red Trouser has been missing since 04.05.2021 from the area of P.S. Neb Sarai, New Delhi. In this regard DD No. 37 A, Dated 16.05.2021, has been lodged at P.S. Neb Sarai, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing lady but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing lady please inform the undersigned. Phone:- 011-23014046 (Direct), 011-23015229 & 23015218 ext. 210 Web-site: http://cbi.nic.in E-Mail ID: cbi@cbi.gov.in SHO P.S. Neb Sarai, Delhi Fax: 011-23011334 DP/566/SD/2021 Ph.: 011-29551326, 29551597 & 8750870835

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Palestinians, settlers clash in tense Jerusalem neighbourhood

Jerusalem: Palestinians and Jewish settlers hurled stones, chairs and fireworks at each other overnight in a tense Jerusalem neighbourhood where settler groups are trying to evict several Palestinian families, officials said Tuesday.

The threatened evictions fuelled protests and clashes in the runup to last month's 11-day Gaza war and pose a test for Israel's new governing coalition, which includes three pro-settler parties but is hoping to sideline the Palestinian issue to avoid internal divisions.

Israeli police and border officials said they arrested four suspects in the Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood.

'Go to India or somewhere, to America': Philippines prez to those who don't want to get Covid vaccine

Singapore: Warning that the second wave of the pandemic would be disastrous for the Philippines, President Rodrigo Duterte has threatened to arrest the Filipinos who don't want to get vaccinated against COVID-19 and asked them to leave and "go to India if you want or somewhere, to America."

Speaking during a pre-recorded televised public address on Monday, Duterte said that the country is facing a national emergency and "we must triple our efforts" to contain the virus, according to media reports from Manila.

"Don't get me wrong. There is a crisis being faced in this country. There is a national emergency. If you don't want to get vaccinated, I will have you arrested. And I will inject the vaccine in your butt. You are pests. We are already suffering and you're adding to the burden," Duterte was quoted as saying by INQUIRER.NET.

"So all you Filipinos listening, watch out. Don't force my hand into it... I have a strong arm for that. Nobody likes it. But if you won't get vaccinated, leave the Philippines. Go to India if you want or somewhere — to America. But as long as you are here and you are a human being that can carry the virus, get yourself vaccinated," Duterte, known for his flamboyant and controversial remarks, said.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, DELHI 4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001 OA No. 1329/2019 Date: 26.04.2021 Bank of India VERSUS Applicant Mrs. Ravinder Kaur Dilawari Defendants To, 1. Mrs. Ravinder Kaur Dilawari (Since Deceased) W/o. Sh. Jaspal Singh Dilawari Through Her Legal Heirs 2. Mr. Jaspal Singh Dilawari S/o. Sh. Iqbal Singh 1(b) Mr. Itender Pal Singh Dilawari S/o. Sh. Jaspal Singh Dilawari Both Residing At A-60, 2nd Floor, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017. 2. Mr. Jaspal Singh Dilawari S/o. Sh. Iqbal Singh A-60, 2nd Floor, Malviya Nagar New Delhi-110017. 3. Mr. Itender Pal Singh Dilawari S/o. Sh. Jaspal Singh Dilawari A-60, 2nd Floor, Malviya Nagar New Delhi-110017. Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case for recovery of Rs. 28,12,128.00/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lacs Twelve Thousand One Hundred Twenty Eight Only) against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance before Ld. Registrar on 03.07.2021 at 10.30 AM. (for further details kindly visit DRT website www.drtbunjal.gov.in) Phone Number: 011-23748473. Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence. Due to ongoing Pandemic Situation, all the matters will be taken up through Video Conferencing and for that purpose:- (i) All the advocates/Litigants shall download the "Cisco Webex Application/Software" (ii) "Meeting ID" and "Password" for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by Registrar/Recovery Officer-I and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e. "drt.gov.in" under the Public Notice Head. (iii) In any emergency qua that, the Advocates/Litigants can contact the concerned official at Ph. No. 011-23748473. Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 24th May of 2021 By Order of the Tribunal For Registrar Respondent my contact under mention Phone Number, for further enquiry. Mr. Amit K. Dar, Ld. Registrar, DRT-I, New Delhi. Phone No: 011-23748473. Email: drt1delhi-dts@nic.in

FORTIS MALAR HOSPITAL LIMITED Regd. Office: Fortis Hospital, Sector-62, Phase-VIII, Mohali - 160062, Punjab Ph.: 0172-5096001, Fax: 0172-5096002 NOTICE OF LOSS OF SHARE CERTIFICATE(S) Notice is hereby given that the following Share Certificate(s) has been reported to lost/ misplaced and the registered holder/ claimant therefore has requested the Company for issuance of Duplicate Share Certificate(s) in lieu of lost Share Certificate(s). S. No. Name / Jt. Name(s) Folio No. Share Cert No(s). Dist. No(s). No. of Shares From To From To 1. AMIT AGARWAL MHA01511 73917 73917 7391701 7391800 100 TOTAL 100 Any person(s) who has any claim(s) objection(s) in respect of the aforesaid share certificate(s) should lodge such claim / objection in writing with the Company's Registrar and Transfer agent at its office situated at Karyi Selenium Tower B, Plot 31-32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Hyderabad - 500032 or with the company at its registered office, within 15 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the Company will consider to give effect to the above request. For Fortis Malar Hospitals Limited Sd/- Daljit Singh Chairman Place: New Delhi Date: 23.06.2021

UJVN Limited (An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprise) H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006 Telephone: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508 CIN No. U40101UR2001SG0025866, Website: www.ujvnl.com R.O. No.: 463 TENDER NOTICE Date : 22.06.2021 Office of Executive Engineer (M&G) Kuhlhal Power Station, Kuhlhal, invites sealed tenders for following works: Tender No.: 08/UJVN/EE (M&G)/KPS/2021-22: Annual operation and cleaning work of 33/11 KV Kuhlhal Substation, Kuhlhal Estimated cost: Rs. 14,97,592/- GST Extra respectively Date of availability of bid document on website : 23/06/2021 11:00 Hrs. Last date for submission of tender: 14/07/2021 15:00 Hrs. For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvnl.com" Executive Engineer (M&G) Kuhlhal "AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"

SEARCH FOR MISSING General public is hereby informed that a girl namely Annu, D/o: Ram Niwas, R/o: H.No. D-1/51, Aman Vihar, Kirari, Delhi has been missing since 28.03.2021 at about 7:00 PM from her home. In this regard DD No. 124 A Dated 30.03.2021 has been lodged at Police Station Aman Vihar, Delhi. The description of missing girl is as under: Name: Annu, Age: 20 Years, Height: 5', Face: Long, Complexion: Fair, Built: Medium, Wearing: Yellow colour Suit-Salwar and Shoes in Feet If anyone has any information about this missing girl may kindly inform to the following:- Web: http://cbi.nic.in, Email: cbi@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639 SHO Police Station, Aman Vihar, Delhi DP/792/RD/2021 Ph: 011-27581812, 8750870321

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NORTHERN RAILWAY E - TENDER NOTICE No. ELS_KJGY_SRE_T-17 RT2 dtd. 21.06.2021 Open tender through E-tendering are invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRS, Electric Loco Shed, Kharlamapura Yard, Northern Railway, Saharanpur (Ambala Division) for and on behalf of the President of India from the registered tenderer on web site www.reps.gov.in for the following work upto 11:00 hrs on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter:- Open Tender No. ELS_KJGY_SRE_T-17 RT2 Name of work Repairing and overhauling of ELGI make TRC 1000 MN and TRC1000 MNUUG main compressors of WAG-7 Locomotives for one year. Date of Closing/Opening 13.07.2021 Approx. Cost 17,88,675.00 Earnest Money NIL Completion period 12 Months Validity period 45 days Cost of tender form Free of Cost 1. Tenderer(s) should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Tendering of Works/Tenders. 2. Tenderer(s) are required to upload self-attested scanned copies of all related eligibility documents as per conditions. 3. Taxes & Charges will be applicable as per extant rule. 4. For details, please log on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in 1372/2021 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

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Sitharaman meets Infosys officials

REVIEWS TECH GLITCHES ON NEW I-T E-FILING PORTAL

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday reviewed with Infosys officials the technical glitches that continue to mar the new income tax e-filing portal.

Sitharaman, along with Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur, Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj, CBDT Chairman Jagannath Mohapatra and other senior ministry officials, went point by point on the issues facing the new portal with officials of Infosys - the vendor which developed the site.

While there was no official word on what transpired at the meeting, a statement issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)



Sitharaman said "the technical glitches shall be addressed fast".

ICAI representatives attended the meeting on Tuesday.

The portal launched on June 7 continued to face glitches, including longer logging in time, inability to generate OTP for Aadhaar validation, non-availability of ITRs for past years.

Several stakeholders have submitted written inputs highlighting the issues facing the portal as well as areas that need to be fixed.

The stakeholders have also highlighted weak user interface, inability to view old demand, grievances and intimation orders as the issues that need to be fixed. The ICAI in a statement issued after the meeting said that it has been asked to provide its continuous support and inputs to CBDT and Infosys, in resolving the issues, as early as possible.

"The Income Tax Department said the new portal was aimed at making compliance more taxpayer-friendly, however the technical glitches shall be addressed fast, for convenience of all," the ICAI statement

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Sensex ends flat, retreats from 53,000-mark on profit-booking

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity benchmark Sensex ended on a flat note after scaling the 53,000-mark on Tuesday as investors booked profits at higher levels.

A depreciating trend in the rupee also weighed on sentiment, traders said. After touching a lifetime intra-day peak of 53,057.11, the 30-share BSE Sensex settled 14.25 points or 0.03 per cent higher at 52,588.71, marking its third straight session of gains.

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty rose 26.25 points or 0.17 per cent to close at 15,772.75. Maruti Suzuki, which was the biggest laggard in Monday's session, topped the Sensex gainers' chart on Tuesday with a jump of 5.25 per cent.

L&T, UltraTech Cement, TCS, Titan, Tata Steel and Bajaj Auto were the other winners, advancing up to 2.20 per cent.

Rupee slumps for second day

Mumbai: The Indian rupee depreciated 27 paise to close at 74.37 against the US dollar on Tuesday in its second straight day of losses following a stronger dollar overseas and elevated crude oil prices. At the interbank forex market, the domestic unit opened weak at 74.18 against the American currency, lost further ground and finally closed at 74.37, showing a fall of 27 paise over its previous close.

Paints, Bajaj Finance, Nestle India, HUL, IndusInd Bank and Sun Pharma were among the major laggards, dropping up to 1.91 per cent.

Markets opened strong on the back of global cues and pick-up in the pace of vaccination. Tuesday's trade saw

Gold gains marginally to ₹46,213; silver declines ₹66,389

New Delhi: Gold in the national capital on Tuesday gained ₹45 to ₹46,213 per 10 gram, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal had closed at ₹46,168 per 10 gram. Silver declined marginally by ₹86 to ₹66,389 per kilogram from ₹66,475 per kilogram in the previous trade.

hectic activity in stocks pertaining to the 'unlock' theme, said S Ranganathan, Head of Research at LKP Securities.

Nearing Mount 53K, however, Sensex witnessed profit-taking across the board in afternoon trade, he noted.

India's crude output slips 6.3% in May, gas production jumps

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's crude oil output fell 6.3 per cent in May after state-owned ONGC produced nearly a tenth less due to cyclone 'Tauktae', government data showed on Tuesday.

Crude oil production at 2.43 million tonne in May was 6.32 per cent lower than 2.6 million tonne output in the same month last year, according to the latest data released by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), the

nation's biggest producer, reported a massive 9.63 per cent drop in output at 1.5 million tonne "due to conditions created by cyclone 'Tauktae'", said. Severe cyclone Tauktae slammed the western coast last month disrupting economic activity. ONGC's main oil and gas producing fields are in western offshore. ONGC also produced over 9 per cent less natural gas but ramping up of output from the KG-D6 block of Reliance Industries Ltd and BP helped lift overall production.

Average return of small cap funds in last 1 year stands around 100%

IAN S ■ MUMBAI

As small cap and midcap funds continue their performance amid the pandemic, an ICICI Securities report has said that the category average return of small cap funds has been around 100 per cent in the past one year.

Small cap funds and midcap funds continue to outperform since last one year with category average return of small cap funds at around 100 per cent in the last one year," it said. Further, the credit risk funds and medium-term funds are outperforming as a stable

Special e-auction of Assam tea generates good response

yield environment led to higher return in these higher YTM funds. Also, global funds have seen underperformance in the last one year as Indian markets have seen outperformance, noted the report.

Within large cap-oriented ETFs, Nifty Next 50 and Sensex Next 50 have seen outperformance over Nifty 50 ETFs since the last six months. Smart beta ETFs like NV 20/Low Vol 30, Quality 30, among others have underperformed.

Guwahati: The first International Tea Day special auction by mjunction services limited, a leading e-commerce platform, fetched record prices at the Jorhat tea e-marketplace on Monday.

More than 93 per cent of the total teas on offer were sold, with buyers logging in from Assam, West Bengal, Delhi, Gujarat and Rajasthan, mjunction said here on Tuesday.

Fuel price hiked again

New Delhi: Fuel prices increased again across the country on Tuesday adding more misery for the common man already grappling with rising food prices amid shrinking income.

With the rise, petrol prices have reached very close to hitting the century mark all across the country extending the scope of historic high prices that had already made the fuel rate cross the ₹100 per litre mark in certain cities and towns of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh.

IRDAI allows home treatment as add-on cover in health insurance

IAN S ■ CHENNAI

The Indian insurance regulator IRDAI has allowed non-life insurers to offer "homecare/domiciliary treatment" or treatment at home as an add on cover fresh or to their existing policies.

In a circular to all non-life insurers including standalone health insurers, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has said companies have to file

their products with it, if home treatment is offered as an add-on cover. According to IRDAI, homecare treatment is one taken at home for an ailment that normally needs hospitalisation provided that a medical practitioner advises the insured home treatment; there is a continuous active line of treatment with the health status of the insured monitored daily by a medical practitioner during the duration of home treatment.

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NOTICE
 This is to inform that a Board meeting which was scheduled to be held on 23 June 2021 has now been re-scheduled (postponed) to be held on 30 June 2021 at the corporate office of the Company to consider and approve the financial results for the quarter and nine months ended 31 December 2020. Please take note that the trading window will remain closed for the concerned periods upto 48 hours of the announcement of all financial results upto 31 March 2021.

For Technofab Engineering Limited
 Suman Kumar Verma
 Date: 22/06/2021
 Place: New Delhi
 Company Secretary

NOTICE OF LOSS OF SHARE CERTIFICATES
 Notice is hereby given that the following Share Certificates has been reported to be lost/misplaced and the registered holder/claimant therefore has requested the company for issuance of Duplicate share certificates in lieu of lost Shares

S. No.	Name / Jt. Name(s)	Folio No.	Share Certificate No	Dist. No(s)	No. of Shares
1.	Brij Mohan Agarwal	E0320506	1932698	141977851/141977950	100

Any person who has claim(s)/objections in respect of the aforesaid share certificates should lodge such claim/objection in writing with companies registrar and Transfer agents at its office situated at Zuan Finserv Limited "Corporate One", First Floor, 5, Commercial Centre, Jasola New Delhi - 110025 within 15 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the company will consider to give effect to the above purpose.

For CHAMBAL Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited
 Place: New Delhi
 Date: 23.06.2021
 Sd/-
 Chairman

RATHI BARS LIMITED
 Regd. Office : A-247, Mohan Co-operative Industrial Estate, Mathura Road, New Delhi-110044.
 Ph. : 011-42760373, 42730360
 Web: www.rathibars.com, E-mail : rathibars@hotmail.com
 CIN No. : L74899DL1993PLC054781

NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on **Wednesday, the 30th Day of June, 2021, at 04.00 P.M.**, inter alia, to consider and approve the Audited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and year ended on 31st March 2021. This notice is available on the Company's website at www.rathibars.com and also on the website of the stock exchange at www.bseindia.com.

By Order of the Board
 For RATHI BARS LIMITED
 Sd/-
 Satinder Singh
 Company Secretary and Compliance Officer
 Place : New Delhi
 Date : 22.06.2021

DMI Finance Private Limited
 CIN - U65929DL2008PTC182749
 Express Building, 3rd Floor, 9-10, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002

STATEMENT OF ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2021

S. No.	Particulars	Audited Current year ending March 31, 2021	Audited Previous Year ended March 31, 2020
1.	Total Income from Operations	7,644.51	6,446.14
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	312.02	1,343.69
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	312.02	1,343.69
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	223.08	990.89
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	228.06	918.02
6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital	6,436.58	5,592.94
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	28,417.31	19,167.31
8.	Net worth	34,853.90	24,760.25
9.	Paid up Debt Capital/Outstanding Debt	19,975.17	25,888.85
10.	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	—	—
11.	Debt Equity Ratio	0.57	1.05
12.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)		
	1. Basic:	0.35	1.78
	2. Diluted:	0.32	1.77
13.	Capital Redemption Reserve	81.21	81.21
14.	Debenture Redemption Reserve	N.A.	N.A.
15.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	N.A.	N.A.
16.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	N.A.	N.A.

Notes to the Financial Results:

- Pursuant to Clause 52 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Audited standalone results for the year ended March 31, 2021 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meetings held on June 21, 2021. The above results for the year ended March 31, 2021 have been audited by the Statutory Auditors of the Company.
- The above results are an extract of detailed format of the Audited Annual Financial Results filed with the stock exchange under Regulation 52 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. These financial results are available on the website viz. www.dmifinance.in and on the website of BSE (www.bseindia.com).
- The financial results have been prepared in accordance with requirement of Regulation 52 of (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 as modified by Circular No. CIR/CFD/FAC/62/2016 dated July 5, 2016 read with C/IMD/DF/169/2016 dated August 10, 2016.
- For items referred in sub clauses (a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Regulation 52 of (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, and can be accessed on the website of BSE (www.bseindia.com) and on the Company's website i.e. www.dmifinance.in
- There is no Debenture Redemption Reserve created as Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFC) registered with Reserve Bank of India are not required to create DRP for privately placed debentures.
- Figures for the prior year / period have been regrouped and / or reclassified wherever considered necessary.
- The Company has provided adequate disclosures related to COVID-19 while submitting financial statements to SEBI.

For DMI Finance Private Limited
 Sd/-
 Shivashish Chatterjee
 Joint Managing Director
 Date: June 21, 2021
 Place: New Delhi

DHFL National Office: HDIL Towers, B-Wing, 6th Floor, Anant Kanekar Marg, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400051.
 Branch Office: Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited Dhiraj Baug, Building 'A', Ground & 1st Floor, Beside Axis Bank, Opp. Manalisha Building, Agra Road, Hari Niwas Circle, Naupada, Thane (West) 400602.

DEMAND NOTICE
 Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorized Officer of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. (DHFL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorized Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) ("the said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to DHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to DHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount With NPA date	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
(LC No. 0004111 of Delhi Pitampura Branch) Naven Kasra (Borrower) Neeta Aggarwal (Co Borrower 1) Tarun Aggarwal (Co Borrower 2)	30-04-2021/ Rs.6647589/- (Sixty Six lakh Forty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Nine) NPA (09-01-2021)	Flat No-315, Third Floor Printer Apartments (Printer C.g.h.s Ltd) Block-C-2, Sector-13 Rohini, Delhi New Delhi Delhi- 110085
(LC No. 00001429 of New Delhi-west Branch) Dinesh Bhasin (Borrower) Anju Bhasin (Co Borrower 1) Karika Bhasin (Co Borrower 2) Sidarth Bhasin (Guarantor 1) Sanjay Bhasin (Guarantor 2)	30-04-2021/ Rs.6472952/- (Sixty Four lakh Seventy Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Two) NPA (10-12-2020)	H. No. S-1 / 91 (Old Mpl No. 43), G. F. Plot No- 78a Old Mahavir Nagar Kharsa No. 4 Tikar Nagar New Delhi New Delhi Delhi- 110018
(LC No. 00001030 of Netaji Subhash Place Branch) Manthan Overseas Pvt Ltd (Borrower) Sheel Pasricha (Co Borrower 1) Raj Kumar Pasricha (Co Borrower 2)	30-04-2021/ Rs.6470207/- (Sixty Four lakh Twenty Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Seven) NPA (10-04-2020)	Kh No. 652/2 Min. Kh No. 211 Min.6 Kh No 722 Min. situated At Majra Dakpatti Presently Plot Number 193/5 Rajpur Road Dehradun Dehradun Uttarakhand- 248001
(LC No. 00000702 of Delhi Rajouri Garden Branch) Caremed Pharma (Borrower) Ritesh Shivastava (Co Borrower 1) Chetna Gupta (Co Borrower 2)	30-04-2021/ Rs.6320677/- (Sixty Three lakh Twenty Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Seven) NPA (10-12-2020)	Property No. 981-A, Entire Property Shastri Gali Kharsa No. 770, 771 Village Chandrawal, Vishwas Nagar, Shalida, Delhi New Delhi- 110032
(LC No. 00001467 of Netaji Subhash Place Branch) Navan Kumar Asja (Borrower) Praveen Asja (Co Borrower 1) Dharmveer Asja (Co Borrower 2)	30-04-2021/ Rs.6203182/- (Sixty Two lakh Three Thousand One Hundred Eighty Two) NPA (10-12-2020)	Dda flat No 324, Ground Floor, Migp, Mansarovar Park, Ilaqa Shalidara Delhi New Delhi Delhi- 110032
(LC No. 00042350 of Delhi Pitampura Branch) Sanjay Mittal (Borrower) Seema Mittal (Co Borrower 1) Resham Devi (Co Borrower 2)	30-04-2021/ Rs.6125256/- (Sixty One lakh Twenty Five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Six) NPA (10-12-2020)	3rd Floor (entire), Plot No L-85, Block-L, Sector-12, Pratap Vihar, Ghaziabad Ghaziabad, UP Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh- 201009
(LC No. 00000966 of Netaji Subhash Place Branch) Sanjeev Yadav (Borrower) Preeti Yadav (Co Borrower 1) Vijender Yadav (Co Borrower 2)	30-04-2021/ Rs.6005075/- (Sixty Lakh Five Thousand Seventy Five) NPA (11-05-2020)	Plot No-23 & 24, Third Floor With Right, Pocket-03, Sector-11 Rohini Delhi North West Delhi Delhi- 110086
(LC No. 0002473 of Noida 1 Rajendra Place Branch) Mohammed Manzoor Khan (Borrower) Sheetal (Co Borrower 1)	30-04-2021/ Rs.5965441/- (Fifty Nine lakh Sixty Six Thousand Four Hundred Forty One) NPA (11-03-2021)	Prep No. A-115, Kh No 18, 25, 26, 22/3A/1, Upper Ground Floor Without Right, Majlis Park Delhi New Delhi Delhi- 110033
(LC No. 00042613 of Delhi-Safdarjung Branch) Mukesh Kumar Sharma (Borrower) Kirti Sharma (Co Borrower 1) Prem Singh Sharma (Co Borrower 2)	30-04-2021/ Rs.5688214/- (Fifty Six lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fourteen) NPA (11-03-2021)	Flat No. 793 Ground Floor Pocket A Sector 17 Dwarka New Delhi New Delhi Delhi- 110075
(LC No. 00044536 of Delhi Safdarjung Branch) Mukesh Kumar (Borrower) Radhika Devi Maurya (Co Borrower 1)	30-04-2021/ Rs.5597121/- (Fifty Five lakh Ninety Seven Thousand One Hundred Twenty One) NPA (10-04-2020)	Property No. 468 & 469, first floor, kh No- 842, Vih Chandrawal, Mohalla Ghaziabad, Circular Road, Shalidara, Delhi New Delhi Delhi- 110032
(LC No. 00001788 of Noida Branch) Kasna Indane (Gas Service Borrower) Gopal Krishna (Co Borrower 1) Dayachand Sharma (Co Borrower 2) Sakshi Sharma (Guarantor 1)	30-04-2021/ Rs.5575908/- (Fifty Five lakh Seventy Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Eight) NPA (10-03-2020)	Plot No - 39 Block - S H Sector-141, Noida Gautam Budh Nagar Gautam Budh Nagar Uttar Pradesh- 201301
(LC No. 00042250 of Delhi Pitampura Branch) Mohi Rana (Borrower) Deepak Rana (Co Borrower 1) Anita Rana (Co Borrower 2)	30-04-2021/ Rs.5462874/- (Fifty Four lakh Sixty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Four) NPA (10-04-2020)	WZ 26 B, 3rd floor with right, Kharsa No. 2783/738, Ramgarh Colony, Delhi New Delhi Delhi- 110051
(LC No. 00000468 of Karkarduma Noida Branch) Sandhya Jain (Borrower) Namit Kumar Jain (Co Borrower 1)	30-04-2021/ Rs.5435794/- (Fifty Four lakh Thirty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Four) NPA (09-02-2021)	Property No-4/68, Upper Ground Floor, Front Side, Kh No-434, Gurgaon, Sector-14, Gurgaon, Haryana New Delhi Delhi- 110092
(LC No. 00001967 of New Delhi-west Branch) Savita Bhanja (Borrower) Srikant Bhanja (Co Borrower 1)	30-04-2021/ Rs.5297173/- (Fifty Two lakh Ninety Seven Thousand One Hundred Seventy Three) NPA (10-12-2020)	Plot No 92 , Mcd No 826, 2nd Floor Without Right Rly, Jns, Arjun Nagar Kotla Mubarakpur, Delhi New Delhi Delhi- 110033
(LC No. 00003212 of New Delhi Branch) Babneet Singh (Borrower) Nirmal Kaur (Co Borrower 1)	30-04-2021/ Rs.4890745/- (Forty Eight lakh Ninety Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Five) NPA (01-01-2020)	Unit No. 2203, 21st Floor, Apex Tower Super Tech Emerald Court, Plot No. 4 Sector 93-A, Noida Noida Gautam Budh Nagar Uttar Pradesh- 201301
(LC No. 00041399 of Gurgaon-Sohna Road Branch) Hemant Adhikaria (Borrower) Shivani Adhikaria (Co Borrower 1)	30-04-2021/ Rs.4650701/- (Forty Six lakh Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred One) NPA (10-12-2020)	Plot No 243/8 First Floor 8 Marie New Delhi C 4c Palwal Palwal Faridabad Haryana- 121102
(LC No. 00001521 of Netaji Subhash Place Branch) Mohd Sheh (Borrower) Preema Kaul (Co Borrower 1)	30-04-2021/ Rs.4600315/- (Forty Six lakh Three Hundred Fifty Five) NPA (10-12-2020)	Plot No H 1 3rd Floor With Right Kh 480 block H Mohan Garden Village Nawada Uttar Nagar Delhi New Delhi Delhi- 110059
(LC No. 00043543 of Gurgaon-Sohna Road Branch) Poonam (Borrower) Aakash Singroha (Co Borrower 1) Anil Kumar (Co Borrower 2)	30-04-2021/ Rs.4558422/- (Forty Five lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Two) NPA (09-01-2021)	L.i.g. Flat No. 353 Ground Floor Block No C 4c Janak Puri New Delhi New Delhi Delhi- 110058
(LC No. 00000814 of Delhi Rajouri Garden Branch) Shivam Singh Yadav (Borrower) Veena Devi (Co Borrower 1)	30-04-2021/ Rs.4414382/- (Forty Four lakh Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Two) NPA (10-12-2020)	Property No. 173, Second Floor Pocket-11, Sec-24 Rohini Delhi New Delhi Delhi- 110085
(LC No. 00042832 of Delhi-Safdarjung Branch) Chandar Prakash (Borrower) Geeta Rani (Co Borrower 1)	30-04-2021/ Rs.4402863/- (Forty Four lakh Two Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Three) NPA (09-01-2021)	Plot No. D-1521, Upper Ground & 1st Floor, Old No. 6487 (Part) Kh No. 752 Gali No. 13, Vill. Gokal Pur Ashok Nagar Shalidara Delhi New Delhi Delhi- 110083
(LC No. 00001874 of Noida 1 Rajendra Place Branch) Vikram Kumar Verma (Borrower) Shankar Sharma (Co Borrower 1)	30-04-2021/ Rs.4383714/- (Forty Three lakh Eighty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fourteen) NPA (09-01-2021)	Flat No-s-4, Plot No. J-43, Second Floor Rear Lhs, West Jyoti Nagar, Ndr-gurga Purh Chowk Shalidara New Delhi Delhi- 110032
(LC No. 00000094 of Lajpat Nagar Branch) Om Kumar Pandey (Borrower) Piyanka Kumari (Co Borrower 1) Bask Infront Pvt Ltd (Co Borrower 2) Dharmendra Kumar Singh (Guarantor 1)	30-04-2021/ Rs.4388671/- (Forty Three lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Seventy One) NPA (09-02-2021)	Unit No E 33 Type E Plot No. Bgh A Paramount GOLF Foreste Site C Opp Sector Zeta Greater Noida Gautam Budh Nagar Uttar Pradesh- 201301
(LC No. 00000521 of Netaji Subhash Place Branch) Yogesh Singh (Borrower) Kanika Singal (Co Borrower 1)	30-04-2021/ Rs.4285732/- (Forty Two lakh Eighty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Two) NPA (11-05-2020)	At Plot No. A-268, Ground Floor Block A, Vijay Nagar, New Delhi New Delhi New Delhi Delhi- 110009
(LC No. 00000125 of Dwarka Branch) Pradeep Mishra (Borrower) Ranjan Mishra (Co Borrower 1)	30-04-2021/ Rs.4176096/- (Forty One lakh Seventy Six Thousand Ninety Six) NPA (10-12-2020)	Plot No-08 Pocket No-02 Sector-25, Rohini Delhi New Delhi Delhi- 110085
(LC No. 00005008 of New Delhi Branch) Anur Gupta And Sons (Borrower) Alok Gupta (Co Borrower 1) Pramod Gupta (Co Borrower 2) Suman Gupta (Guarantor 1)	30-04-2021/ Rs.4141870/- (Forty One lakh Forty One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy) NPA (09-02-2021)	Property No. B-12, Second Floor Front Side Without Roof, Dr. Lohia Road Adarsh Kh No No-25/258/9/11/14 Village Shalidara, Delhi New Delhi Delhi- 110033

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to DHFL as aforesaid, DHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of DHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date: 23-06-2021
 Place: Delhi
 Sd/-
 (Authorised Officer)
 Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION, BULDANA, IN FRONT OF BUS STAND- 443001
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E-TENDER NOTICE No.20/ 2021-22

Sr. No	Name of work	Tender Cost
1	2	3
1	Construction of Tramacare Centre At Mehekar Tq.Mehekar Dist Buldhana	6,09,28,211/-
2	Widening And Improvement To Pangarkhed Belgaon Kenwad Road S.H. 390 K.M. 48/00 To 53/500 Tq Mehekar Dist Buldhana	5,21,75,260/-
3	Widening And Improvement To Amdapur Janefal Road S.H. 390 K.M. 12/00 To 18/00 Tq Mehekar Dist Buldhana	4,36,46,403/-
4	Widening And Improvement To Mehekar Sonati Risod Road S.H.214 K.M 222/00 To 227/300 Tq Mehekar Dist Buldhana	4,36,12,149/-
5	Widening And Improvement To Deulgaon Kundapal Yewti Wazzar Road M.D.R. 46 K.M 4/00 To 1	



IN CORPORATE STYLE

The future of corporate e-learning holds potential in reshaping the landscape for the learning and development department, says SAMEER NIGAM

The growing relevance of the digital world has pushed modern corporations to stay ahead of the curve. From learning needs and habits to learning behaviour, Modern corporates are incorporating huge changes at their workplaces. But the onset of the pandemic made it necessary more than ever. Corporations have had to pivot to work-from-home models almost overnight and become more receptive to the uncalmed change to brave through the pandemic and its aftereffects. Especially in these uncertain times, it became imperative to invest in upskilling of the workforce and leveraging technology-aided e-learning solutions to get things done.

As corporates enabled e-learning during this pandemic, employees became more adaptive to learning curves. Learning and development were accessed efficiently, and still, effectively maintained productivity while

supporting social and physical distancing. With e-learning, the knowledge gap between conventional employees and modern workers blurred out and witnessed the beginning of a new decade of ample opportunities, the latest technology, and further innovations.

The future of corporate e-learning holds immense potential in reshaping the landscape for the learning and development department. So, what does the new normal corporate learning look like? Here are some e-learning tools that are going to make the future bright.

Video-based learning: Learnings based on video is seen as a more interactive experience in the training process as they are faster and effective in understanding the learning. The increasing use of social media and mobile learning has also captivated the need for video-based learning tools. This builds connections and community



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that can increase productivity even when working apart.

Micro-learning: The adoption of micro-learning is growing slowly. Organisations are incorporating shorter video formats for learning as more social, mobile, interactive, and user-friendly learning is demanded. The tool makes it easier to create quick, accessible training for employees right when they need it the most and encourage them to apply the learning immediately.

mLearning or Mobile-based learning: Unlike conventional training methods, mLearning provides numerous benefits such as flexibility, scheduling, access to more content, etc. Also, it offers an enhanced experience to the learner including chat features, and audio/videos, the option to record information, better assessments, etc. Many organisations are already unleashing their potential as the mobile learning industry is expected to

grow 10X in the coming times.

AR and VR-based learning: Building real-world opportunities; AR and VR-based learning are considered as the future of corporate eLearning. With working from home posing difficulties in providing on-the-job training, VR and Augmented Reality (AR) tools are deploying complex environments and cases to the employees to ascertain their real-life reactions and learning's based on it.

Game-based learning: With more and more organisations working towards building an immersive learning experience for their employees, game-based learning tools are assisting them in combining businesses and training in an immersive way. As an alternative to the traditional tool of learning, this tool increases engagement and motivation amongst employees while also throwing real-world problems through game designs.

AI based learning: These futuristic learning tools are a great indicator for employee performance analysis. AI is assisting the modern workforces to identify skills they want to apply at work. AI and learning automation are helping corporates in delivering performance-driven and ROI-inclined solutions and also enabling them to upskill the workforce.

Undoubtedly, the above-discussed sought-after e-learning tools are going to reinvent the whole process of corporate e-learning while also making it relevant for the new-age workforce. Digital learning are here to stay and the use of e-learning tools and advanced technology will enable corporates to maintain a productive and healthy workforce. Going forward, corporate learning will be more about bringing learning to the learners than learners to the learning.

The writer is CEO & Co-founder, Stratbeans

QUOTE OF THE DAY
The man who reads nothing at all is better educated than the man who reads nothing but newspapers.
— Thomas Jefferson

9th E-commerce Day

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Following its tradition of creating a highly anticipated and exclusive entrepreneurial opportunity for the budding entrepreneurs and e-commerce enthusiasts, Droom hosted its ninth edition of its annual E-commerce Day on June 21, 2021.

The event saw active participation of over 600 attendees from renowned business schools, technical institutes, budding entrepreneurs and e-commerce buffs. The event consisted of numerous sessions, which allowed the attendees to directly interact with Droom's Founder & CEO, Sandeep Aggarwal and other dynamic leadership members of the company.

Students from reputed universities/colleges such as IIM Ahmedabad, IIM Kozhikode, IIM Indore, IIM Kashipur and many others, participated in the event and learned the nuances of entrepreneurship and the e-commerce industry through multiple fascinating sessions.

It was a highly interactive event, filled with pep talks and brainstorming sessions, showcasing Droom's unicorn journey highlights. Furthermore, through experience sharing sessions, Aggarwal and Droom's leadership shared challenges and potential solutions of their professional journey and advised the young entrepreneurs to build on their ideas & passion. At the event, Aggarwal continuously emphasised the role of new-age technologies and transformation brought by digital and modernistic approach in all industries and domains.

In his keynote address, Aggarwal said, "Our annual meet-up of e-commerce day event is planned to ensure that the youth are armed to take on any hurdle that comes their way and make the most of this growing industry. We feel that these budding entrepreneurs will be making history in the entrepreneurship and economic growth segment of the country, and we plan to back them in all possible aspects."

Yoga Day celebration

The seventh International Yoga Day was observed by KIIT Group of Institutions & KISS on June 21, 2021 online. The theme of the International Yoga Day for this year was "Yoga for Fitness". On this occasion, Dr Gaganendu Dash, Director Sports, KIIT & KISS, delivered the introduction speech and read out the message of the founder which said: "Yoga is the ancient custom of India and it is India's best gift to the global community. It is often seen that more people are being attracted towards yoga around the world nowadays. While, it brings wonders to our body, during the pandemic, yoga is creating miracles to mitigate mental stress of the people."

Among others, Prof Hrushikesh Mohanty, VC of KIIT DU; Prof Sasmaita Samanta, Pro VC; Prof Jnyana Ranjan Mohanty, Registrar, KIIT DU; and Dr Prasanta Kumar Routray, CEO of KISS laid focus on the advantages of various aspects of some foremost yoga asanas.

Some staff members of KIT and KISS practiced various postures of yoga under the guidance of the Yoga Coach of KIIT & KISS.



Find your way forward

There is now a possibility that more students may meet the eligibility criteria set by foreign universities, since these will not be contingent on Board results anymore, says ADARSH KHANDELWAL

The Board exams have now been replaced by "well-defined objective criteria", according to the Government's notification on the same. The CBSE Board will follow a 30:30:40 criteria, with 30 per cent of weightage given to the Class X Board exam results, 30 per cent to Class XI final results, and 40 per cent to the Class XII Pre-Board or internal assignment results (flexibility for which has been given to schools). The results are to be announced before July 31.

What does this mean for students applying abroad? With around 14 lakh students who would take Class XII CBSE Boards, of which a significant portion will apply abroad, there is now the possibility that even more students may meet the eligibility criteria set by foreign universities, as these will not be contingent on Board results anymore.

January 2021 has already seen over 10.9 lakh Indian students enrolled in universities abroad — a number that was expected to rise this year with students who had deferred

their 2020 admits or were awaiting a relaxation in pandemic restrictions around the world. As the scope of the marking criteria has been increased, there is a slight chance that universities might introduce a foundation course or prerequisite programme that applicants would need to complete before they can be offered admission. The latest ruling may also not do justice to the students who are already applying for external exams and courses, having thought that these may be preferred in place of a variable predictive score. For future test takers and aspirants, it also reiterates the importance of academic consistency and continuous assessment throughout the school year, not merely during Boards.

What will be the impact of this possibility on country-specific applications?

UK, Ireland, Australia: The term commencement dates for universities in the UK and Ireland are usually in September-October, with many institutions requiring academic transcripts and final

scores before they can make an admission offer. Now that there is a confirmed marking process and date for the release of results, students can breathe a sigh of relief about their application timeline.

The only challenge we can see here is if universities rescind their conditional offers due to the updated grades the student has received. Many students bank on the Board finals to showcase their academic strength while not preparing as intensively for their internal assessments or Class X/XI exams. Their new scores may not reflect their academic potential accurately and may not meet university cut-offs. While the CBSE Board has stated that those who are unsatisfied with the new marking scheme can take the Board exams later when the pandemic regulations ease, this is not feasible for international applicants who are already operating on a tight timeline.

US & Canada: As universities in these regions accept students with unconditional offers from the get go, there

may not be as much of a hiccup, provided that the student relays the complexity of the situation to the university.

In Canada, some universities like McMaster and Waterloo are providing unconditional offers on the basis of their predictive scores. Here too, the process would continue as usual, and the new marking system could still be applied for scholarship applications that depend on the student's scores.

As a student, what can you do at this time?

Write to the university and the relevant authorities, explaining the new developments in the Board exam scenario. Check with your school to see what marking scheme they are opting to follow in terms of the 40 per cent weightage for Class XII assessments. If you have been placed on a waiting list, ensure that you send out periodic emails to register your continued interest and detail all the newly added information or updates in your profile and application status.

In the meantime, you can network and liaise with other international aspirants, university connections, and industry figures to ensure that you are kept in the loop about what could change, how others are evaluating and adapting to the circumstances, and any other opportunities that you can avail of while you wait.

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For a beautiful future

NAINA RUHAIL lists trends that will play a vital role in shaping one's future in the beauty industry

In recent times, the beauty industry has seen a significant shift with everyone making eco-conscious choices. It is the era of 'end of more' and getting back to basics. No longer one cares for beauty for the sake of beauty, now it's beauty for the sake of you. With most of us stuck at home during these unprecedented times, it's important more than ever to spend time pampering your skin, consciously. From DIY masks, tonics, and a better understanding of what works best with the increased awareness, it will be the dawn of clean beauty as an answer to the future of the ever-growing beauty industry. If you want to succeed in the beauty industry take a look at the prospects of the beauty arena and understand it better to get ahead.

Consumer choices to anticipate in the beauty industry

The consumer today is making conscious choices towards eco-friendly, sustainable, toxin, and cruelty-free products. This new guilt-free beauty norm is all about organic and natural ingredients to leave skin healthy and hair lustrous. Clean signifies beauty products that are free from nasties with nothing artificial than the goodness of nature. On the other hand, all the ingredients are sustainably sourced to unburden the natural resources while incorporating recycling practices to be eco-friendlier.



Knowing what the consumers demand will help you understand their needs and tweak your products according to their preference, ensuring a long-lasting relationship.

Here are the top trends that you need to know that will play a vital role in shaping the beauty landscape. If you inculcate these within your profession, you will surely be successful in building your brand and building trust with your consumers.

Building trust within the community
 Nothing grows the community stronger than a common interest. An authentic, personal review helps build trust and interest that will effectively boom the industry as well as an increase in the con-

sumer base. This aspect will definitely play a vital role in the near future.

Be part of inclusive beauty standards
 A beauty consumer always often looks for cues from the closest to them, appropriate to their age, skin type, age, and ethnicity. They expect a brand to be inclusive and cater to all colours, shapes and sizes in the most realistic ways.

Deliver hassle-free beauty at doorstep
 When the world has come to a still, we have understood that the way we connect with beauty has changed completely. Its do-it-yourself-beauty encouraged some small changes like — comprehensive skin and hair care regime, less use of mascara, we all became our own groomers, manicurists, and colourists. This shift has increased the requirement of interactive, impressive at-home deliveries.

Be sustainable and transparent
 Recycling beauty products is another trend that is reaping interest. With this practice, you don't have to discard your empties that will end up going into the landfills. Instead, it will be reused. By bestowing an afterlife to your product empty, you will surely make a difference in the environment.

If you incorporate these practices, you will surely be able to build an authentic, sustainable and successful brand.

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Webinar on Global Compact on Refugees

On the occasion of World Refugee Day, VIT-AP School of Law, VIT-AP University, Andhra Pradesh, organised an event on June 21, 2021 jointly with the Centre for Statelessness and Refugee Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, along with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, India.

The inaugural session followed by national webinar on Global Compact on Refugees in fostering Laws, Policies and Practices vis-à-vis Protection

and care. The daylong national webinar deliberated upon the importance of Global Compact on Refugees and reminded the State parties to be bound by the obligations of the sovereign States. Experts from academia, civil society, practitioners, refugee organisations and students have participated in the programme.

The Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) has following broad four objectives: (i) ease pressures on host countries; (ii) enhance refugee self-reliance; (iii) expand access to third coun-

try solutions; and (iv) support conditions in countries of origin for return in safety and dignity, with relevant indicators framework. Are the objectives specified in GCR, recast of earlier durable solutions? Or do they have new meaning in text and context was discussed in national webinar. Yukiko Koyama, Senior Protection Officer, UNHCR, India stressed upon the relevance of Global Compact on Refugees for the protection of the refugees and Stateless people across the world. Dr Arvind Tiwari Dean

School of Law TISS, Mumbai gave the presidential address and Prof Samir Kumar Das, Former Vice-Chancellor of University of North Bengal delivered the keynote address.

Dr Parivelman K.M Chairperson of Centre for Statelessness and Refugee Studies at TISS Mumbai explained the importance of the occasion. Dr Benarji Chakka, Dean, VSL, welcomed the chief guest, participant, students, faculty and staff and chaired the session on Global Compact on Refugees and Legal and Policy issues.

9:30 pm	9:30 pm	12:30 am	12:30 am
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STAR WARS



Mikkel Damsgaard, center, celebrates after scoring Denmark's opening goal during the Euro 2020 Group B match between Russia and Denmark in Copenhagen

AFP ■ COPENHAGEN

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE MADE POSSIBLE

Denmark finish second in Group B after sensational 4-1 victory over Russia & qualify for knockouts

Denmark made it through to the last 16 of Euro 2020 on Monday after a convincing 4-1 win over Russia which alongside Belgium's victory against Finland meant they finished second in Group B.

Goals from Mikkel Damsgaard, Yussuf Poulsen, Andreas Christensen and Joakim Maehle gave the Danes their first win of the tournament on a joyous evening at the Parken Stadium in Copenhagen.

Delirious fans showered each other with beer as Denmark rattled in the goals that allowed them to end the group stage in party mood after the trauma of Christian Eriksen's mid-match collapse in their opening fixture against the Finns.

Denmark will face Wales in the last 16 in Amsterdam on Saturday.

The Danes came into the match with no points from

their first two matches but knowing a win over Russia by two goals or more and defeat for Finland would guarantee them passage from the group as the second-placed team.

It was the Russians who had the first chance of the game, Aleksandr Golovin driving towards the goal and fashioning a great scoring opportunity only to shoot straight at Kasper

Schmeichel from close range.

DAMSGAARD'S MOMENT

They were left to rue missing that chance six minutes before the break when Damsgaard showed why he was picked to replace Eriksen as Denmark's playmaker.

The Sampdoria winger, who only turns 21 early next month, looked like he had all

the time in the world when he unleashed a curling strike that whipped past Matvei Safonov and caused an eruption of celebrations in the stands.

Denmark second came in almost comical circumstances on the hour mark.

Poulsen could hardly believe his luck when Daler Kuzyaev's miscued back-pass rolled straight to him in front of the Russian goal, leaving him the simple task of rolling into an empty net and giving Denmark the two-goal lead they needed to finish second should Belgium win.

Soon after the already rowdy fans in the Parken let out possibly the loudest cheer of the night as news of Romelu Lukaku's opener against Finland filtered through, but they were soon dampened by that goal being ruled out and Russia being awarded a penalty which was slotted home by Artem Dzyuba.

They were on their feet again with 15 minutes remain-

ing thanks to Lukas Hradecky's own goal which put Belgium a goal ahead and Denmark in second place.

Denmark were now charging forward and Safonov had to pull off three incredible saves in quick succession before Christensen rammed home a superb long-range strike in the 79th minute.

As the fans, who had made a tremendous racket all game, began their celebrations for making the knockout stage, Denmark ended the group stage in style when Maehle slotted home the fourth three minutes later to complete a perfect evening.

BELGIUM FINISH 1ST

In other Group B game in Saint Petersburg, Belgium scored two late goals to see off a valiant Finland 2-0, pushing their opponents to the brink of a group-stage exit.

Finnish goalkeeper Lukas Hradecky's 74th-minute own goal and Romelu Lukaku's third strike of the tournament ensured Roberto Martinez's Belgium finished top of Group B.

The world's number-one ranked side will face a third-placed team in the next round on Sunday in Seville.

Finland finish third in the group, but appear unlikely to be one of the four best third-placed teams.

5 MAKE IT THROUGH

Five teams advanced to the round of 16 without even playing at the Euro 2020.

France, England, the Czech Republic, Sweden and Switzerland all are assured of advancing because they have four points and will finish no worse than third in their groups.

Results in the final Group B and C games have left Finland and Ukraine in third place in the respective standings with three points. That means any team with four points is guaranteed to be at least among the four best third-place teams.

Finland and Ukraine have not yet been eliminated. Results in Group D on Tuesday and Group E on Wednesday could leave those third-place finishers with only two points.

Mount, Chilwell to isolate until June 28

London: England will be without Chelsea duo Mason Mount and Ben Chilwell for their final Euro 2020 Group D match on Tuesday against the Czech Republic and potentially their last-16 tie, after the pair were forced to isolate following exposure to an opponent who has Covid-19.

Mount and Chilwell were seen embracing their club teammate Billy Gilmour after Friday's 0-0 draw between England and Scotland. Gilmour tested positive on Monday.

England have already qualified ahead of the Czech Republic's visit to Wembley and if they beat the Czechs to win the group, they will play their last 16 match at Wembley on June 29, giving both players a chance to feature.

Second place in the group would see Southgate's men travel to Copenhagen on June 28.

"We can confirm that Ben Chilwell and Mason Mount must isolate up to and including next Monday (28 June). This decision has been taken in consultation with Public Health England," the English Football Association said in a statement.

"Chilwell and Mount will isolate and train individually in private areas at England's training base St George's Park." AFP



Wembley to host 60K fans for Euro semis, final

AFP ■ LONDON

More than 60,000 fans will be allowed to attend the semi-finals and final of Euro 2020 at Wembley with attendance increased to 75 percent of capacity, the British Government announced on Tuesday.

The matches will see the largest crowds assembled at a sporting event in Britain in more than 15 months, with numbers previously strictly limited due to the coronavirus pandemic.

All ticket holders will need

to follow a number of strict entry requirements, including having a negative Covid-19 test or proof of full vaccination.

"We have worked extremely closely with UEFA and the FA (Football Association) to ensure rigorous and tight public health measures are in place whilst allowing more fans to see the action live," said culture and sport secretary Oliver Dowden.

"The finals promise to be an unforgettable moment in our national recovery from the pandemic."

UEFA declines Munich application for rainbow-colored stadium

Munich: UEFA's decision to block plans by Munich to light the Allianz Arena in rainbow colours for the Germany-Hungary Euro 2020 match was met on Tuesday with defiance in the Bavarian city which vowed to decorate other landmarks in protest at a law passed by the Hungarian Government.

"UEFA is a politically and religiously neutral organisation," said European football's governing body in a statement ahead of Wednesday's match.

"Given the political context of this request — a message aimed at a decision taken by the Hungarian national parliament



— UEFA must refuse."

Munich's mayor Dieter Reiter slammed UEFA's decision as 'shameful' and announced plans to decorate other city landmarks in rainbow colours in defiance.

"I find it shameful that UEFA forbids us to send a sign for cosmopolitanism, tolerance,

respect and solidarity with the people of the LGBTQ community," he said.

He plans to put up rainbow-coloured flags at the Munich town hall and illuminate a huge wind turbine located close to the stadium, as well as the city's 291m-tall Olympic Tower. AFP

Argentina, Chile qualify for quarters



Argentina's Alejandro Gomez, center, celebrates scoring the opening goal against Paraguay with teammates during a Copa America match in Brasilia

AFP ■ BRASILIA

Argentina and Chile on Monday booked their places in the Copa America quarter-finals, ending top of Group A after low-scoring matches that left the other two spots up for grabs.

Argentina logged their second win in three group matches played, beating Paraguay 1-0, with Alejandro 'Papu' Gomez scoring the sole goal of a lacklustre match in the ninth minute.

The win placed Lionel Messi's La Albiceleste top of Group A with seven points — enough to secure its spot in the next phase of the tournament being played in empty stadiums in coronavirus-battered Brazil.

The match marked a personal milestone for Messi, who tied Javier Mascherano's record for the most games played for Argentina — 147.

But it was not a night of glory for Messi or his team, who in the second half seemed to resign themselves to defending a spirited, but ultimately fruitless, Paraguayan attack.

In the other match Monday, Chile drew 1-1 with Uruguay to end the day with five log points.

chance to go to the quarter-finals.

Brazil has already qualified from Group B.

The build-up to Chile-Uruguay game had been overshadowed by controversy in the Chile camp after revelations the team had breached Covid-19 protocols by bringing a local hairdresser into the team hotel.

CONMEBOL said it would fine those involved \$30,000.

However there was no sign of the controversy affecting their play, with Vargas firing Chile ahead on 26 minutes from a tight angle after latching onto a clever pass from English-born Ben Brereton.

Uruguay grabbed a share of the points in the second-half when Suarez bundled in the ball from close range during a tangle with former Barcelona team-mate Arturo Vidal at the far post following a corner.

Manchester United striker Edinson Cavani almost snatched victory for Uruguay in the 85th minute, but his glancing header flashed just wide of the post.

Vargas's first-half strike saw him draw level with Peru's Paolo Guerrero on 14 goals in the Copa America's all-time goalscoring rankings, three behind the record of 17 held by Brazil's Zizinho and Argentina's Norberto Mendez.

PTI ■ SOUTHAMPTON

Mohammed Shami's artistry was on full display but New Zealand still managed to take a crucial 32-run lead after scoring 249 on the fifth day of the World Test Championship final against India here on Tuesday.

More than the quantum of the first innings lead, New Zealand will gain psychological advantage as their seam attack can go for the kill on the final day to force a result.

New Zealand showed more intent on keeping the scoreboard ticking with Kyle Jamieson (21) and Tim Southee (30) throwing their bats around for useful runs which certainly put the pressure back on India going into the final session of the day.

The tea break was called after the fall of last New Zealand wicket.

Mohammed Shami (4/76), after a mesmerising morning spell, got a couple of more wickets in the post-lunch session. He dismissed Colin de Grandhomme with a delivery

Shami brings India back in match

angled in and Jamieson with a bounce.

During the final half-hour, India's senior-most player Ishant Sharma (3/48) denied half-century to a dogged skipper Kane Williamson (49) with a classic Test match dismissal — delivery rearing up and shaping out which was edged to Virat Kohli at third slip.

Sensing that mere survival would spell doom, New Zealand scored 114 runs in the post lunch session even as Shami and Ishant remained standout performers bowling their hearts out.

Jamieson and Southee got some easy runs at the fag end which could prove to be useful in the final context.

But no amount of praise is enough for Shami, who brought India back in the match before New Zealand could press its foot on the pedal. Such was his



India's Mohammed Shami, left, celebrates the dismissal of New Zealand's BJ Watling, right, during Day 5 of WTC Final

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Younis quits as Pak batting coach

Karachi: Former captain Younis Khan on Tuesday stepped down as Pakistan's batting coach in a surprise decision which the cricket board said was agreed upon 'reluctantly but amicably' even though no reasons were specified for it.

The Pakistan team is due to start a tour of the UK from June 25 to July 20 for three ODIs and three T20Is. The team will next go to the West Indies from July 21 to August 24 to feature in five T20Is and two Tests.

"Pakistan men's national cricket team will travel to the United Kingdom without a batting coach, while the decision to appoint Younis Khan's replacement for the West Indies tour will be made in due course," a PCB statement said two days before the team's departure.

The announcement was followed by speculation that Younis himself had decided to quit the position as he was not happy with his role and wanted greater say in selection matters. PTI

Indian women's resolve, grit & determination in England Test impressed Anjum

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Former Indian skipper and commentator Anjum Chopra was full of praise for the Indian women's cricket team for the fight they showed in the one-off Test match against England, which ended in a draw in Bristol on Saturday.

The Indian team which was playing its first red-ball game in seven years, batted for more than 120 overs in the second innings after follow-on to avoid defeat.

Speaking to The Pioneer about India's show in the match, Anjum said: "It was a very good performance because there were so many debutants in the Indian playing XI. Barring Mithali (Raj) and Jhulan (Goswami) everyone has very little experience in playing Test cricket. So it was

very nice to see the way they have performed."

"I was very impressed with the resolve and the grit and determination that the players were showing. It was a stand-out feature in that draw. When you talk about Sneha Rana, Taniya Bhatia, Deepti Sharma, Shafali Verma, there was a kind of very strong resolve which was very much visible and that was very heartening to see," she added.

For Anjum, the biggest positive was the fightback by the young Indian side.

"The biggest gain from the Test was the resolve from the players, especially from the ones who were making a comeback into the Indian team. Everyone knew that India is playing without international match practice, so that is fine but how they played was heartening," she said.

Maharaj hat-trick headlines Proteas Test series win

AFP ■ GROS-ISLET

Keshav Maharaj completed just the second hat-trick by a South African in Test history as the Proteas completed a 158-run victory over the West Indies on the fourth day of the second Test of the two-match series at the Daren Sammy Cricket Ground in St Lucia on Monday night.

In the penultimate over before lunch the left-arm spinner removed Kieran Powell, Jason Holder and Joshua da Silva in successive deliveries to join fast bowler Geoff Griffen, who achieved the feat at Lord's in 1960, in the record books.

Maharaj then followed up with two of the last three to fall in the afternoon to finish with figures of five for 36 as the West Indies were dismissed for 165.

Following a comprehensive innings and 63-run victory



inside three days in the first Test a week earlier at the same venue, the result gave South Africa the series 2-0, their first away series triumph since 2017 in New Zealand.

"This is huge for us because we haven't won on the road for quite some time," said South African captain Dean

Elgar. "There will be teething years as captain but this is a good, important step on the way forward."

"As a batting unit we let ourselves down but I must really commend the effort of the bowlers," said a dejected Windies captain Brathwaite.